

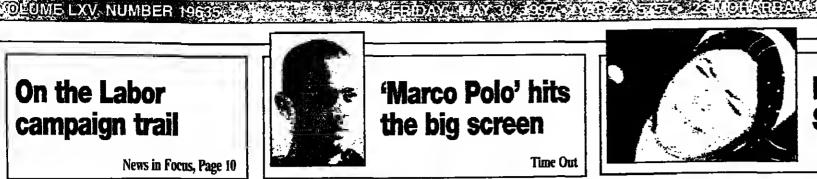
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By MICHAL YUDELMAN,

SARAH HONIG, and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Netanyahu denied that any of the maps published yesterday as his proposals for the final status

What was printed does not necessarily represent my mtentions," he told a group of Ethiopian immi-

grants who met him at Likud

headquarters in Tel Aviv yester-

day. The group, all Likud activists,

outlined their community's unique

problems, but also heard a lot that

did not specifically pertain to their

Netanyahu told them he had

"seen in the press a number of

contradictory claims and maps about my supposed plans. The fact is that I have not shown

maps to anyone. I do bave thoughts about the final status

arrangements. This week, we began a series of consultations to

draw up maps. What was pub-

lished, however, is not accurate,

and does not necessarily repre-

As Netanyahu spoke, a noisy Meretz demonstration against him

According to Yediot Aharonot's

report on the maps, the Palestinians will get 60 percent of

reported that Netanyahu's propos-

al allocates only some 40% of the

West Bank to the Palestinians and

will keep most settlements under

Ha aren s military commentator

Ze'ev Schiff, who wrote the story.

said that 40% is only Israel's

opening positioo. He noted that

Netanyahu will renounce sover-

eignty over settlements near Jenin,

but refrains from saying so for fear

of the reaction of his right-wing

The reported map keeps the

Jordan Valley under Israeli con-

trol, with the Palestinians receiv-

ing the northwest coast of the

Dead Sea. A road or corridor

would connect Jericho to

Ramallah. Jerusalem would be

extended to Ma'aleh Adumim and

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Minister Binyamin

PM: There

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Kfar Adumim in the east, Gush

Etzion in the south, and Beit El in One of the most outstanding features are the roads or corridors

planned for both sides. The

Palestinian roads would join Gaza and the West Bank and link Kalkilya, Tulkarm, and Jericho.

Israel would have four "safe"

roads, two in the northern part of the West Bank and two in the southern part, linking Israel to the

Sources close to Netanyahu said

the different reports about the

maps must have been put together

on the basis of the strategic demands and evaluations present-

ed by the security establishment. They noted that the security

authorities months ago presented a map which was described as giv-ing 50% of the West Bank to the

Palestinians. That too was not sup-

posed to be the final status map, but described what Israel needs for

The sources noted that political

leaders have different considera-

tions than security heads, who want optimal security and demand

maximum conditions, leaving it to

politicians to decide what is really

The Palestinians rejected with

disgust the reports about the maps.

Jibril Rajoub, head of the

said that "all of the West Bank and

Gaza is Palestinian land occupied

in 1967, and Netanyahu cannot

dictate by force what he wants. He

can dream, however, what he

astounded by the reports. According to Yehiel Leiter, of the

Council of Jewish Communities in

Indea, Samaria, and Gaza, "As it

is now, the Palestinians have 29%

of the land, so there is not much

difference between that and the

40% offered, but we will never

agree to such a large continuous

area surrounding Jerusalem to be

handed over to the Palestinians. It

is not a quantitative issue but a

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Righteous Gentile remembered

Swiss Ambassador Thomas G. Borer talks to Ruth Roduner yesterday at a dedication ceremony for a square in Kiryat Ono named for her father Paul Gruninger, a Swiss police officer who saved more than 2,000 Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution by helping them cross the border into Switzerland.

New device solves Shabbat electronic lock problem

hen Moshe, an Orthodox Jew works for a major airline, ed in a deluxe hotel in Beijing. ept the door to his room propped 1 for 24 hours, rather than use the tronic door lock on Shabbat. But ray not have to do so any longer, I's to an invention by a company in the Tefen Industrial Park.

Glal-Tech specializes in developing electronic entry and security systems. It says that it has produced a Shabbat electronic lock which can be used for single rooms, a floor or an entire wing of the hotel. The lock is operated with a magnetic card. which as with the usual electronic

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lock, can be programmed for each individual guest.

The company has acquired both Israeli and US patents and the device also has received the approval of the Tsomet Institute in Alon Shvut. which specializes in matters of Halacha, ethics, and technology.

Rabbi Yisrael Rosen, director of the Tsomet Institute, said it zot involved with the problem of electronic locks because more and more hotels are using them.

Although the company hinted that its invention could be adapted to enable Orthodox Jews to furn on lights or air conditioners in their homes. Rosen warned that at present it would be prohibitively costly.

US: Netanyahu and Arafat must agree before summit

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The United States is interested in delaying the meeting between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat unul a package of agreements accepted by both sides is com-Dore Gold and Uzi Arad also attended the meeting.

Arafat wants to meet Rabbi

The US fears a meeting without such agreement will lead to an "explosion" which will blow upthe entire negotiation process. This message from the US arrived last right, in the miles of the meeting between Netan sahu and Egyptian President liosni Mahamk's envoy Osama el-Bar. Jeruwiem sources said. Netanyahu and el-Ban said after

their meeting that the contacts will

El-Baz came to brief Netanyahu as to Arafat's answer to the proposals raised by Netanyahu and Mubarak at their summit meeting in Sharm e-Sheikh on Tuesday. Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny, cubinet secretary Danny

Naveh and Netanyahu's advisers

The sources said the Americans seem to feel that the Egyptians have greater clout with the Pulestinians at this point, and are not objecting to the use of this avenue. They pointed out that the tre ent contacts are not "a major mediation effort," but an attempt 10 get the Palestinians back to the

negotiating table. becording to the sources, the Egyptians' change of tone vis-athe peace process derives from their concern about considerable American cuts in their foreign financial aid and their desire to show that they are not an obstacle to the regotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

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Israel may host major Euro soccer final in 2000

The Israel Football Association (IFA) yesterday received notification from UEFA, the governing body of European soccet, that Israel may be chosen to host the final of either the European Curor the Cup Winners' Cup in 2000.

While the notification is still tentative, UEFA has confirmed that Israel will definitely host the European under-16 championships in that year. Should Israel host one of the two major European finals, it would be the most important international sporting event ever to be held here.

But before this could happen, the National Stadium in Rumat Gan will have to undergo a major face-lift to increase cupicity. from its current 45,000 seats, and also provide much imprined facilities for the media.

Former soccer star Uri Malmillian asked to form haredi team

By ORI LEWIS

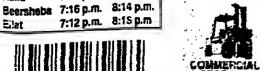
The lewish genius has come un with a solution for observant soccer fanatics - an all-observant team which will not play on Shabbat.

The idea was monted yesterday by Jerusalem deputy mayor Haim Miller, who has charged former Betar Jerusalem soccer star Uri Malmillian with setting up and

pete in local leagues.

There is a great deal of interest in the religious communities in local socces, but born the noily pain and the haracim are unune to either go to games in to they becouse most league marches rule phase on Shahbot," Milling an

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Palestinian who criticized PA arrested

A Palestinian who complained that his detained son was being tortured by Palestinian Authority security forces has been arrested, his family said yesterday. Shawkat Salah, 55, was first arrested Wednesday morning, two days after testifying at a news conference about the alleged abuse of his imprisoned son, who is suspected of murder. Salah was held 12 hours at the Bethlehem police station and released late Wednesday, only to be arrested again yesterday morning, his son Iman said,

Ma'alot terror victims remembered

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan represented the government at yesterday's memorial marking 23 years since 22 students from the Comprehensive Religious High School in Safed were killed in a terror attack in Ma'alot. Members of the bereaved families, residents of the city, and hundreds of others participated.

11 killed on roads this week

Eleven people were killed in traffic accidents this week, compared to 12 last week. A significant number of those killed were pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists. A total of 258 people have been killed on the roads since the beginning of the year. In an effort to crack down on traffic offenders, police pulled over 461 vehicles for safety violations this week and handed out

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073, and 547 won NIS 100. Tickets ending m 37, 01 18, and 70 won NIS 30. Tickets ending in 95 and 50 won NIS 20, and those ending in 1 and 5 won NIS 10.

The winning cards in yesterday's first Chance draw were the seven of spades, jack of hearts, nine of diamonds, and king of clubs. The results of the second draw were the king of spades, ten of hearts, seven of diamonds and king of



Labor MK Shlomo Ben-Ami (left) meets with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Ramallah yesterday.

rafat wants to meet Yose

By MICHAL YUDELMAN.

SARAH HONIG, and news agencies

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat wants to meet Shas's spiritual mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, as part of an attempt to get the peace process back on track. Arafat sent this message to Yosef via MK

Shlomo Ben-Ami, a candidate for Labor's leadership, during their meeting in Ramallah yester-Arafat considers Shas a central and most influ-

Arafat told Ben-Ami he still believes in the

peace process, and has great confidence in the

ential component of Prime Minister Binyamin

Egyptian arbitration. He noted, however, that he was troubled by the vacuum the United States is creating in the region, by pulling out of the mediation efforts. Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri said yesterday that

there is nothing new in the fact that Yasser Arafat has long been trying to secure an audience with Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. He and his people have also been trying to involve Shas in the negotiations."

Deri said he doesn't know if Yosef will agree to meet with Arafat. "That is his decision and, as we always do, we will abide by his decision,

Nevertheless Deri said that "Shas has no intention of becoming a side in the negotiations and of

being used in order to pressure the elected go erument of Israel. Arafat must negotiate with the government and not to meddle in internal Israel politics and try to win friends and influence per ple in other parties with an eye to making the prime minister's task more difficult. We will no play that game."

But Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Illan said th premier would have "no objections to Arafati seeing anybody he wishes" as long as it was clej that negotiations have to be conducted with t. elected representatives of the Israeli people."

A Palestinian official said Arafat would we come Yosef's help in renewing the peace tal and that Arafat sees Shas as an important eleme

Terror suspect bares 'torture' wounds to High Court

By BATSHEYA TSUR

A suspected terrorist made his point in the High Court of Justice yesterday, when he bared his flesh to show the justices what he said were wounds inflicted by his inter-

The bench, consisting of President Aharon Barak and Justices Ellezer Goldberg and Dorit Beinisch, later ordered the head of the Justice Department Recognized American Diplomas Available unit which investigates the police to report back within 19 days on whether Omar Chammat had been Reidman International College tortured by General Security for Complementary Medicine Service interrogators. Ghanimat requested that the 1 Betzalel St., Jerusalem 109 Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv

court order the GSS officials attending the hearings to leave the courtroom so that he could talk

freely, saying that he feared them. After the request was granted, Ghanimat climbed onto a bench and showed the justices wounds along the length of his arm. He then revealed his ankles which, he said, were swollen.

According to Ghanimat, his handcuffs had been tightened so as to prevent blood from flowing through his arms and his hand was hurt when he was kicked and dragged along the floor. He said the interrogators had placed a chair on his chest and jumped on it and also prevented him from sleeping normal hours.

Prosecutor Shai Nitzan said that two medical reports indicated

Ghanimat's wounds had caused by handcuffs rub against the skin. There was unnecessary physical pre-being exerted on him, Nitzan and none would be, unless the some dramatic new developm

Nitzan requested that the ti ods of interrogation employe the GSS be discussed be closed doors, saying it wou harmful to future interrogation these methods are revealed. request was granted.

Ghanimat is suspected belonging to Izzadin Kassam armed wing of Hamas, and is brother of the Apropo cafe sui

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found need to suar-found need to suar-mequivocally express his feelings: about the legal and academic elites in this country, of which he does not approve.

"One of his first initiatives without any provocation was that he said there was a need to make order in the academic world in Israel," said Lissak. "Order is a very loaded word in the history of political and academic elites. In his role as prime minister, he should not have launched such an attack, and I felt I should respond

Lissak noted that Oxford University had refused to grant former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher an honorary doctorate after her election, even though she was an Oxford graduate, because of her attacks on academia.

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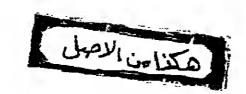
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Prof. Yaron Ezrahi, another of the signers, said that "it's unprecedented in the history of Hebrew University that the presence of a prime minister in the convocation be subject to such objection, but it is also unprecedented that an Israeli prime minister would launch such systematic attacks on the vital institutions of an enlightened democracy like public broadcasting and the free press, which he accused in a wholesale manner and in sweeping generalizations with trying to oppose the mandate he got from

This kind of incitement of the public against the press is a strategy not acceptable from democratic leaders.

"Secondly, he has failed to fulfill his role as a public trustee by consistently violating professional norms in his appointments of public servants. The university is nejther an extension of the state, nor a private profit-making institution It represents a commitment to the principles of free critical discourse, and high professional stan-dards on which we educate our students, and we cannot remain indifferent in the fact of this unprecedented condition, where the prime minister attacks these



Anti-Israel incidents near Druse village cause alarm cerem

By DAVID RUDGE

Police are investigating the discovery of the large state with Syria close to Majdal Sharns village.

The discovery was made by IDF troops on patrol in the area on Wednesday night. It was not clear whether it had been thrown at army vehicles in the area and missed, or had been planted there for later use. Police said tracks from the scene led towards Majdal Shams.

In a separate incident yesterday, the national flag atop the local council offices in Majdal Shams was found burned. Police are investi-

The incidents raised concern over the possi-bility of another wave of nationalistic incidents by pro-Syrian elements in the Druse villages on the Golan, where unrest has been growing

In January, police and the General Security Service arrested five Golan Heights Druse on suspicion of being behind a series of arson attacks last year, including two incidents in which petrol bombs were thrown at IDF

The suspects, three adults and two juveniles, all from Majdal Shams, were remanded in custody pending a trial before a military court for crimes against the State.

police post in Mas'ada village was set alight. The income tax office also was damaged by fire, and there were arson attacks on property

belonging to pro-Israeli Druse residents.

Since then, there have been other incidents of arson attacks on the property of pro-Israeli Druse residents. According to some reports, pro-Syrian Druse, who form the vast majority of the residents, have recently strengthened a social and religious boycott on pro-Israeli Druse, effectively ostracizing

Some pro-Israeli Druse are reported to be considering leaving the Golan because of the recent incidents and the social and religious discrimination against them.

Flag-burning haredi boy released to house arrest

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The haredi boy photographed that "he's innocent, and I continue to maintain that the whole thing Balancer bonfire last Saturday was released to house arrest for a week The charge of provocation was

by a Jerusalem judge yesterday. The 14-year-old, who was arrested after midnight Wednesday night, told police that he had burned the flag on his own, and was not provoked into it by photographers, as had been charged by members of the haredi community and by Jerusalem city councilman Haim Miller (Agudat Yisrael).

Judge Yoram Noam said the youth, who was accompanied to court by his father, must also be under adult supervision when he leaves the house - and then only to school - and must be available to police for further questioning if

needed. Miller said the youth is a member of Neturei Karta, an anti-Zionist haredi sect. "You have to remember they don't recognize the state, they don't take money from the state, they don't use any

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of the state's services. "So you can't say that they're getting a budget and also burning the flag, as some reported it." Nevertheless, Miller said, "I condemn it in any event, even by

the Neturei Karta." Although the boy admitted doing it, Miller said

denied earlier in the week by one of the three photographers from Flash 90 who photographed the

"It happens every year," said the photographer, who declined to give his name. "On Saturday night, they started the fire, about 100, 150 kids and teenagers, and they put some flags on it, maybe 10 to 15 flags. Then somebody came, an adult, and gave them more flags to burn."

The incident last Saturday night in the Mea She'arim neighborhood reignited anti-haredi feelings among the general public, coming two weeks after members of the community threw stones at police during the minute of silence on Remembrance Day.

Miller said earlier that he had made a deal with the police to allow the boy's teachers to punish him, although police said that no such deal had been struck.

"If the court had allowed the rabbis to deal with this, they would have done a better job, better than the courts," Miller said.

Jay Bushinsky, new 'Post' diplomatic correspondent

By Jerusalem Post Staff

After three decades as a foreign correspondent during which he covered three of Israel's wars, one foreign conflict and a major revolution, Jay Bushinsky is coming home to The Jerusalem Post as its new diplomatic correspondent.

The veteran reporter

and broadcaster had his first taste of newspaper journalism at the Post in 1960 when he worked on its copy desk as a sub-editor. He later studied at Columbia University's

prestigious Graduate School of Journalism, and to make his career in all of the news media's facets - print, radio and



Jay Bushinsky

Bushinsky's major assignments as a foreign correspondent included the Six Day War, the Yom

Kippur War, Cyprus War, 1974, Iranian Revolution, 1978-79, Lebanon War, and the Gulf war, in addition to developments in the political, economic and cultural domains in Israel, the Middle East and Europe.

He was born in Buffalo, NY, and graduated from Queens College and Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education. Among his profession-

al awards are those of the Overseas Press Club, Chicago Newspaper Guild and Dartmonth University's Amos Tuck Award for Economic Understanding.



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A Jordanian was caught attempting to smuggle a pistol and magazine ioto Israel during a routine check at the border. Police detained him for questioning and announced they would send him back to Jordan as soon as they are done.

Court postpones hearing on house demolition

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday postponed a hearing on the demolition of a house in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan that was halted on Wednesday. No reason was given for the postponement. The court will hear the case Sunday after-

The city began tearing down the 180 sq. meter bouse on Tuesday morning, after having received the necessary court approval. The owner of the house than brought a temporary halt order from the court pending the further hearing.

Mordechai challenged over service discrepancy

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was ordered yesterday hy the High Court of Justice to show cause within 60 days why a reasonable quota should not be set for the number of yeshiva students receiving exemptions from military service.

Justice Eliahu Mazza responded to a perition from Meretz MKs Amnon Ruhinstein and Haim Oron, who were joined by a group of reserve soldiers.

Teenager arrested after stepmother stabbed

A 14-year-old from Usfiya on Mt. Carmel was arrested yesterday on suspicion of stabbing his stepmother. The woman, 39, was stabbed in the back and moderately injured on Wednesday night. Police said the teenager had confessed and that it appeared that the stabbing was a result of a family dispute.

Organ donors' families to be honored

Certificates of appreciation will be awarded on Tuesday by President Ezer Weizman to families who donated their deceased loved ones' organs for transplant.

The first-ever ceremony, to take place at Beit Hanassi, was initiated by Israel Transplant. Health Minister Yehoshua Marza and hospital staffers will also attend.

A representative of the Dabuskin family, which donated the organs of their daughter - who was killed in a road accident in Tel Aviv a few months ago - will speak on behalf of all the fam-

Unemployed woman wins NIS 7m. Lotto prize

A 30-year-old woman from the Tel Aviv area won the NIS 7 million top prize in this week's Lotto. The woman, who is single and unemployed, said the money would help her realize all her dreams: a wedding, a bome and sindies.

"I have had a boyfrieod for five years, and we have been

putting off the wedding until we had means. Now we are heading straight to the rabbinate to register for our wedding," she said at the Mifal Hapayis office in Tel Aviv upon arriving to collect the prize.

Ben-Ari remand extended

Zvi Ben-An, the businessman suspected as being one of the heads of the so-called Russian mafia here, was remanded for a further seven days by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday. Ben-Ari is suspected of being involved in the murder of a Russian banker, conspiracy to kill another and an \$85 million fraud of banks in Russia. Police are concerned that Ben-Ari's colleagues may try to spring him from prison and he is heavily guarded. Police also expressed concern that Ben-Ari will try to disrupt the investigation and frighten possible witnesses.

Three of Ben-Ari's employees were released on bail. Raine Marcus

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New proposal for conversion bill

MK Ravitz suggests listing religion only by initial on identity card

By LIAT COLLINS

MKs seeking a compromise which would solve the conversion bill dilemma are considering a new idea. Uoder a proposal by Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism), instead of writing the word "Jewish" in the relevant clause on identity cards, the religion of the holder would be listed by just the first letter.

Ravitz said this would solve the problem of asking Interior Ministry officials to record as Jewish someone who has undergone a non-Orthodox conversion.

He stressed, however that his first preference is to preserve the status quo in which the Chief Rabbinate recognizes only Orthodox conversions carried out in Israel or non-Orthodox conversions performed abroad. This is also the basis of the conversion bill.

His idea complements the proposal by Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) under which converts would be listed as Jewish on their identity cards and the type of conversion

they underwent - Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, or Reconstructionist - would be recorded in the Population Registry.

Shas leader Aryeb Deri reportedly supports this suggestion, but National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat objected to it. Porat said it would, in effect, separate state from religion.

Dedi Zucker (Meretz) described Ravitz's suggestion as "incomprehensible at best and laughable at worst, and not the solution." He said it would be better to completely scrap the clause listing religion on identity

The Law Committee, chaired by Shaul Yahalom (NRP), is to discuss the continued passage of the conversion bill on Wednesday. Yahalom said he is open to finding a compromise, but the High Court has given the Knesset until June 30 to decide the issue of who is able to perform conversions in Israel and unless a solution can be found, or the judicial proceedings frozen, the law must be ready by then.

Meanwhile, Ophir Pines (Labor) yesterday accused Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, the head of Yisrael Ba'aliya, of "making a deal" with the religious parties under which his faction would support the conversion bill in return for a plan to simplify the Orthodox conversion process here.

He published details of an agreement among the Religious Affairs Ministry, Chief Rabbinate, Education Ministry, and Absorption Ministry to examine the possibility of establishing more conversion courses for new immigrants.

Roman Bronfman, chairman of the Yisrael Ba'aliya Knessel faction, rejected Pines's claim, saying: "There is absolutely no linkage." He said his faction would only support the bill after all alternatives had been exhausted.

Haim Shapiro. adds: The government has is not including local Conservative and Reform leaders in its efforts to reach such a compromise, representatives of the two movements said yes-

Rabbi Pinhas Specire, director of the Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel. said that thus far he has heard of no concrete proposal, nor has he been asked to attend any meeting. Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said he is unsure why Israeli politicians are talking to the American Jews, when the issue under discussion is conver-

"Perhaps they do not want to solve the issue of conversion in Israel but merely want to solve the problem of pressure from American Jewry, or perhaps they realize that this is an issue coocerning world Jewry," Regev said.

Uotil now, Regev said, he had heard no proposal which the Orthodox establishment or Chief Rabbinate would be willing to accept. Spectre said that he is sure that within the Orthodox establishment, there are people who are very concerned about world Jewry, but that his movement is determined not to give in until a genuinely acceptable solution is found.

Druse poet honored for furthering cultural understanding

By BATSHEVA TSUR

"If peace were in the hands of the poets, the Middle East would have been a very peaceful region for the past 40 years. Hebrew- and Arabic-language poets work very closely together," award-winning poet Nazia Hir said yesterday.

Hir was speaking after being accorded the president's prize for Arabic literature translated into Hebrew, at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi.

Hir, a resident of the Druse village of Daliat al-Carmel who served in an elite IDF unit and later graduated from Haifa University, received the award for his efforts in furthering understanding between the two cultures. He said he writes in both Arabic and Hebrew.

Other prizes from the Amos Fund - which is beaded by Presideot Ezer Weizman and encourages creativity in the literary field - went posthumously to Jerusalem-born writer David Shahar who died last month, to author Amalia Kahana-Carmon for ber contribution to Hebrew litcrature, and to Hebrew-language poet Moshe Sartal,

Reuma Weizman, the president's wife, called on Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to reinstate a special reading program in the schools for underprivileged children. We have to take care oot only of the writers but of the readers, she said.



President Ezer Weizman (right) awards the President's Prize for Literature to Druse poet Nazia Hir at Beit Hanassi yesterday. (Photo Noy)

Meridor-Likud split over abolition of TV license fee

By DAVID HARRIS and LIAT COLLINS

Finance Minister Dan Meridor said yesterday he will oppose any attempt to abolish the television license fee, MK Benny Eloo (Moledet) has sponsored a bill, which would do so.

Meridor maintains he is toeing the government line and Likud MKs backing the bill are ignoring it.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Meridor said in many attempts to legislate or create policy, the cabinet will come into conflict with "the welcome intellectual independence of MKs."

The bill to abolish the fee passed its first hurdle when the Knesset Finance Committee paved the way for it to go to its first reading. The vote was strictly along party lines, with 9 of the 10 coalition representatives in favor and the 7 opposition

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members voting against. Alex Lubotsky (Third Way) abstained.

"There is an interest or even a value which must be kept," said Meridor. "And that is the law of freedom of the media, and particularly of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, because it has recently done a very important job in Israel's public life." Meridor is against the IBA being entirely dependent on a direct grant from government, which he claims

would tie the broadcasters' hands. Coalition and Librard faction chairman Michael Eitan rejected the basis for Meridor's plea not to cancel the TV license fee. From now on, if Meridor tries to reason for any kind of cost-effective or efficiency measures [elsewhere], he will get a clear response," he said. "If he covers up for the place which wastes the most money in the economy, where hundreds of millions [of shekels] go down the drain, just because he wants to be popular in the media, he will be a media star but he won't he able to ask us for cuts elsewhere."

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Crown Rebecca Coriolanus, at 11 a.m. Foyer - jazz, Flutalk, tomorrow, 11:45 p.m. Free. Plaza Saxophones, 9 p.m. Free.

Jerusalem Gerard Behar - Second Hand Dance, tomorrow at 9

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Hangar, Talpiot - Zik, Enerzik, tomorrow at 9 p.m. Caesarea - Kirov, Swan Lake, tomorrow at 9 p.m.

Light art

By HELEN KAYE

This year the Israel Electric Corporation has provided more than cables and power to the Israel Festival. It has raided the company rubbish dumps to create art. Up on the wall of the

Jerusalem theater there is a brass and aluminum chessboard with chessmen made of glass and ceramic high teosion insulators. The opposite wall boasts a swell of those big orange plastic balls they thread oo high-tension wires to warn low-flying aircraft. Right next to that, there are two of the biggest light bulbs you ever saw, made of lacquered plywood layers bonded together, and turned with the aid, accordiog to the plaque, of a special lathe that is used for power station turbines.

Around the corner, half a dozen brightly painted miniature pylons get pally and, back on the

plaza, is a great old climbing frame made of old telegraph poles bolted together with iron. On it, rusty iroo human cutouts, carved by company lasers, shinny up ropes.

IEC general manager Rafi Peled, a noted artist in his own right, made the designs and 50 of the employees put them together, working on their own time.

There's always an art exhibitioo on the plaza, and the IEC always provides the extra power the festival needs for the nightly free entertainment. Last year, after the usual Israel
Festival/IEC meeting, festival
management said, "Why don't
you do the exhibition next year?"

And Peled picked up the glove. This is the first time that an exhibition fits this space," one approving kibitzter said at last night's opening bash on the plaza, also courtesy of the IEC. "It's fuo, full of bumor. Just what Jerusalem needs right now."



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Netanyahu's next year

ne year after the election of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, the nation is divided between those wbo have not given up their hopes and those who never had any for the new government. When asked to list his accomplishments in the past year, Netanyahu enthusiasocally tics off three: stopping the gallop toward the 1967 borders, preventing the division of Jerusalem, and ending the acceptance of terror as part of the peace process."

The campaign is over, however, and it is past the time for Netanyahu to be defining his own success by what he may have prevented rather than hy where he is leading the nadon.

It is certainly not unusual for new governments to move painfully forward by trial and error. Practically every modern American president who took over from the other party - including Carter, Reagan, and Clinton - went through a period of adjusting their own expectations.

In Netanyahu's ease the adjustment bas been unusually severe. He was Israel's youngest and first directly elected prime minister. He was to be the first prime minister who could rule like a president, relatively assured of a four-year term. The days of being constantly beholden to unruly ministers and threats which could bring down the government were supposed to be over.

Instead, the system of constant hargaining between coalition partners to hold the government together bas continued unabated. The prime minister himself is not so easily toppled, but the number and strength of the smaller parties has grown at the expense of both Labor and Likud.

The result bas been that almost every decision, from core decisions in the peace process, to the forming of a budget, to the appointment of ambassadors, has been deeply enmeshed in coalition politics.

But this adjustment has been minor compared to that imposed by the peace process. Netanyahu inherited from the previous government diplomatic realities that were radically different from those facing previous Likud leaders.

It was as if the Likud suddenly found itself piloting a small plane which it had never flown before, and careening in a direction it did not want to go. Worse, the co-pilot was Yasser Arafat, whom Netanyahu had to figure out how to work with even as both were struggling to

take bold of the controls. In this context, Netanyahu may be proud of pulling Israel out of one nose dive, but many Israelis are worried that be is plunging the country into another. Under the previous government, there was more terrorism, and much fear that Israel was making concessions that would make any peace unstable. Netanyahu has exchanged this fear of peace for the fear of war. and of deepening international isolation.

In actuality, the difference between the two -governments, and therefore the fears associated with each, are exaggerated. No Israeli government wants to return to the '67 lines, divide Jerusalem, or tolerate terrorism - or for the peace process to collapse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The question is what sort of government is more capable of delivering the secure peace that all Israelis want. The Labor government strategy was to treat the Palestinians like a hungry baby - just keep feeding it small hites, because if you stop or demand too much it will start crying.

The advantage of this strategy is that it convinced the world that Israel was committed to peace. The disadvantage was the risk that by the time Israel realized that it had to say no, the baby would be spoiled and the tantrum that much worse.

The argument for Netanyahn's approach was that Labor had built up expectations that were bound to create a crisis if not met, and it would be even worse for Israel if they were met. Better to lower those expectations now, even if the price Israel pays is high.

The problem with this approach is that it is not elear that the Netanyahu government is more able to enforce its will on the peace process than Labor was. The diplomatically costly negotiaoons over Hebron yielded an agreement almost indistinguishable from the original. There is less terror, but security cooperation bas deteriorated, and the record shows that Netanyahu accelerated, rather than broke off talks following the violence last September.

Finally, the much ballyhooed concept of reciprocity has yet to be enforced. Despite all this, Netanyahu retains a fundamental structural advantage in achieving the goal of a secure peace without splitting the nation in two in the

A government of the Right, as Menachem Begin showed with the Camp David Accords and Netanyahu showed with the Hehron agreement, is more able to deliver large parliamentary majorities for peace agreements. But even this advantage Netanyahu is frittering away.

Though the bipartisan effort by Labor MK Yossi Beilin and Likud MK Michael Eitan set an example, Netanyahu has made no systematic effort to build a consensus on Israel's approach to final status within his own government, let alone with the opposition.

The lack of such an effort is somewhat mysterious, given that Netanyahu himself bas spoken about the potential for such a consensus, and declared it to be among his highest goals. What is less mysterious is why such a consensus bas not yet arisen. For the past year, Netanyahu has continued to accuse his now powerless opponents of conceding everything Israelis bold

What Netanyahu does not seem to understand is that he cannot continue to disparage his opponents' desire for security while expecting that they will credit his desire for peace. Netanyahu's divisive rhetoric is blocking the consensus that be correctly identifies is critical to bringing Palestinian expectations down to

Netanyahu's objective for the year ahead should be to focus on what unites Israelis rather than upon what divides them, and to build around this core consensus a positive vision for the peace process.

THE NEXT MISTAKE

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Sir, - In his letter of May 7, Nechemia Meyers despairs that no action is taken against those who paste posters indiscriminately in Rebovot, even when it is patently elear, as in the case of the Habad Messiah posters, which organization is responsible for the violation.

For your information, these posters eause us much aggravation and embarrassment. They degrade the memory of our beloved leader. We agree that the people responsible for putting them up should be prosecuted. As far as we know, the poster campaign is the work of one person who is not employed by us and has no position of authority in our community. We have no control over him. He refuses to listen to the Habad rabbis and the leaders of the Rehovot Habad community.

EREZ KRELENSTEIN. Administrative Director, Habad Rehovot

Sunday people, the Christians,

Rehovot

or to oppose "vigorously" as the case may be, went beyond mere political sportsmanship, showing rather a mature realization that beyond personal considerations,

POLITICAL

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sir, - When hearing the civilized

iones in which Britain's leaders

acknowledged, the morning after.

the results of the general election,

I am sure that I was not alone in

wishing, with a pang in my heart,

that things could be conducted in

like spirit in our part of the world.

and animosity are allowed to a great

degree to impinge on and erode the

workings of the body politic. In con-

trast, the sobriety and moderation

with which Tony Blair pledged to

bury the hatchet of ancient ideolog-ical disagreements and with which

John Major pledged to give support

winner and loser alike were united

Here it would seem that bitterness

in jointly serving their nation.

CELIA ULANOVSKY Ginot Shormon.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHRISTIANS Sir. - When Moslem Arabs increase. Now the Church of the beld up placards which said,

"Today we're attacking the Holy Sepulchre, a venerable sbrine and boly place to all denominations of Christians, has Saturday people but tomorrow we will attack the Sunday people," no one in the United States been desecrated by the despicaor the Western world took notice. ble act of building toilets above Unfortunately, the attacks on the the church.

EVENTS AT YITZHAR

Sir. - For a man to hide behind a woman's skirts has always been eonsidered a contemptible act. How much more reprehensible, then, is it to hide behind little children in a deliberately formented confrontation with police and army during the dismantling of the ille-

and on their holy sites, are on the the campaign that is in full swing against their boly places in Jerusalem and against their religion? Christians in the US have to be more effective in their lobbying effort with Congressmen and Senators. TOBY WILLIG

How can Christians overlook Jerusalem.

gal buildings at Yitzhar. To play the "persecuted innocent" and to claim that they did not expect "violent treatment" by the security forces is major-league hutzpa. It seems to be a cynical ploy to garner sympathy as well as to ensure that the unfortunate young victims acquire a Aseret.

good dose of fear and distrust of the legitimate security arm of the Israeli government. I was alarmed to see too close a parallel with those right-wing groups in Texas and Montana back in the US. TREVOR DAVIS

Sir, - Binyamin Netanyahu in his great swing to political faine field-ed his first major political hlunder (the famous tape) by confessing to a mistake. Since those days, be has gone from mistake to mistake.

If he were the managing director of a financial concern or an industrial complex, no board of directors would tolerate such a performance level for a single moment. How much more dangerous it is for our national interests that be is responsible for the State of Israel.

I am terribly afraid of what his next mistake will cost us all. True, be was voted in by a clear majority. However, we cannot afford such a leader - one who is no role model for morality and decency in public affairs and one who blithely shrugs off his responsibility by saying: "So I made a mistake! So what? I'll do better next time." And that's what I'm afraid of -

S. LANDER to be missing, Catarla, 30, of Manila, Ramat Hasharon.

casket His neighbors, more startled

claimed from a funeral parlor the corpse of a drowned man, thinking

strikingly resembled those of Cataria.

ISIDRO CATARLA turned up at WHO WAS Josef Stalin? An ironfisted Soviet leader and one of history's most sinister figures - or a pop star?

In a recent poll of Ukrainian schoolchildren, only half identified Stalin as the man who led the

- were once taught to chant "Thank you, Stalin, for our happy childhood." His stern, mustachioed face stared down from

About half answered correctly. Thirty-one said he was an execu-

tioner (which is not actually incorrect); 13 said they'd never heard of him. Dozens responded with other professions.

And 11 said be was a pop star.

JUST FOR fun, two French lovers wandered into a Las Vegas chapel and tied the knot.

Yann Thomas and Celine Jeanroy, two university students from Longwy, went through the motions of getting married on

Giggles turned to gasps, though, a few months ago. French officials contacted them

France. What marriage? the pair asked. The one you consummated in that little chapel in Las Vegas,

THE MAYOR of Fishkill rejected a request of an animal rights group to change his town's name. "We are not going to change the name." Mayor George Carter wrote to the People for the Ethical Treatment

rename the village of 1,930 to Fishsave.

The name Fishkill, which means fish creek or stream, origithe area in the 1600s.

"Residents and businesses feel the same way I do," he said. "They figure this is totally ridiculous." PETA knew of Fishkill's his-

toric meaning but not everyone well be dead fish to them." and the contract of the contra

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Why blame Netanyahu?

YOSEF LAPID

The professors who signed a petition this week to the effect that they didn't want Binyamin Netanyahu at a Hebrew University convocation ceremony just don't understand political

They are part of a campaign our leftist intellectuals have mounted against the prime minister. With the arrogance of eggheads, of those who perch on the pinnacle of the ivory tower, the academics asserted that a premier who implements a policy not to their liking is unfit to be admitted to their presence.

Our media, too, judge the prime minister's performance by the yardstick of their own expecta-

tions, and find it wanting. Bnt Netanyahu did not become prime minister on the Labor Party's manifesto, which is what most of the newspapers stood behind. He was elected by the national camp, and his policy was naturally expected to reflect the national camp's aspirations, and not those of Shirnon Peres.

Yesterday the media accused Netanyahn of "stinginess," when he reportedly proposed handing over "only" 40 percent of the territories to the Palestinian Authority. But Likud voters, who - unlike the media - put Netanyahn into

power, see his proposal as excessively magnanimous, bordering on throwing the state's vital inter-

ests overboard. Netanyahu's malfunctioning in other areas unconnected with the Palestinians, is probably fully aware

The right-wing public, aware of of this government's shortcomings. Let's face it, one would have to be

Netanyahu's no Churchill, but be is saying essentially the same thing: He didn't become prime minister of Israel in order to preside over the liquidation of the Israeli Empire.

Britain's empire was eventually dismantled, and maybe Israel's

Minister in order to preside at the liquidation of the British Empire."

The prime minister is only doing what his voters elected him for

stupid as well as right-wing - and the two don't necessarily go together to ignore the long list of failures that can be laid at Netanyahu's door,

BUT when it comes down to it, Netanyahn stands or falls on a single issue, and here he has achieved his objective. He has halted the withdrawal from the territories without for-

mally breaching the Oslo accords. He has frozen the peace process, which to him and his voters reads like a recipe for national disaster.

Winston Churchill once said: "I did not become the King's First

Instead of trying to alter the

And that means taking real

notice of the bundreds of thou-

cally right-wing, but then Barak

himself wasn't exactly born into

If these immigrants had wanted to

vote Likud so badly in the last elec-dons, why didn't they? They didn't

need Natan Sharansky to usher them in through the back door.

ing trouble being recognized as

Jews, and the conversion bill -

About 200,000 of them are hav-

will be too - but Netanyahu will not be a party to it, nor will his voters.

Now Netanyahu cannot take public pride in his achievement, because to the world in general; and the Americans in particular, he is officially committed to implementing Oslo.

But note bow ambiguous all his statements on the subject are. On the face of it, for the record, he upholds the peace process - but hints to his voters between the lines that he really means some thing quite different.

Barak must focus on these peo-

They are a population brimming

with culture and science; they can

help catapult Israel into the 21st

ayatollahs, who will yield them no

What Barak needs, aside from a

ple - for Labor's good, the coun-

try's, and their own.

between dichotomy Netanyahu says and what he does, but his deeds are what counts; and they speak for themselves.

Meanwhile, Israel is missing a historic, perhaps unique, opportunity for a settlement with the Palestinians, the Arabs and the Moslem world.

The chapter of our history now being written will be remembered as The Missed Opportunity. But the pundits are wrong to hlame Netanyahu. He is merely carrying

out the voters' verdict. Much as some might wish it, the democratic system is not a system of Platonic rule by philosopher kings. It is rule by the majority.

The Left, deriving sado-masochistic pleasure from their own troubles and from their flogging of Netanyahu, ought to ask themselves this: How did it come about that nationalism and messianism were able to defeat sanity

and moderation in free elections? What we see happening now is what a small majority of Israelis and a large majority of Jews

decided on a year ago. So what do you want from Netanyahu?

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For Ehud Barak, it's do or die

political map, therefore, Barak century. They should not be

must look at the map in a different forced to give their support to the

He'ii likely win on Tuesday. But then, if he

The four contenders for the YORAM KANIUK # E 14 Labor party leadership represent the essence of the Zionist-Israeli-secular ethos. It is other three to wriggle out of taking a stand on the conversion bill, this mind-set, for better or they are still stuck in the past, worse, that has created most of what passes for this country's vainly dreaming of support where none is to be had.

cbaracter. Barak, Beilin, Sneh, Ben-Ami all are vastly eager to do away with our present government. But I'm not sure if they know to what

Of the four, Ehud Barak appears to be the only contender who can head the active opposidon we so sorely need, the only one with any chance of defeating the government in the next elec-

But replacing the Netanyahn government doesn't imply a mere change of regime; it will, in effect, be the last chance to save the country from a nadonalist, fundamentalist disaster.

To win in 2000, Barak needs to understand the real import of what he is undertaking. He needs to understand that he's arrived at the point of do or die; it's either change your attitude, or go out and find yourself a new nation.

Peres's grave mistake lay in underestimating · Netanyahu's unerodable electoral strength, in attempting to find supporters among those who had rejected Labor before, and would reject it

upset by the economie slowdown would sooner think of ahandoning Betar Jerusalem than turn their backs on Bibi. That's how it is.

However, judging by the cow-ardly attempts of Barak and the

Today, even those who are

would ease their situation. But he led them into a trap. They are the first to suffer from the current coalidon setup, both eco-

Peace Now.

Netanyahu's war on world Jewry - has landed like a brick on their Sharansky led these immigrants to believe that be would genuinely represent them, that be

nomically and as regards person-

doesn't change his attitude, he might as well go out and find himself a new nation new policy, is a strong Russian personality at his side, someone who can help him build a bridge sands of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, whose plight Labor has largely ignored. True, these people's world view is basi-

> properly addressed, could be conerted to Labor. (And, though Barak might feel uncomfortable about it, Israel's Arab population is also a potential reservoir of votes).

of confidence to this betrayed

population. At least a third of it,

IT WAS said about the German Jews in Israel that they lived in a past that had no future.

In the sad present that is our portion today, Barak needs the skill to inject some hope into this abandoned population, to persuade them that a hetter future can emerge from a past in which they have been harassed by the religions establishment.

Barak must understand that being a real leader doesn't mean saying what people want to hear,

but telling them the truth, without frills.

Courage, Barak sbould remember, isn't just the attribute he brought with him from the army, but the quality demonstrated by someone like Avala

Hasson. This brave woman stood up to it all - the government, the media, the entire establishment - determined and totally on her own. Had it not been for a benign attorney-general, she could have top-

pled a government. This is the quality Barak needs: the ability to stand up and fight

When Israel was created, the Right declared a mutiny, accus-ing Ben-Gurion of "selling Jerusalem." (Tel Aviv was

already in their bands.) Only the "holy cannon" - the one fired at the Altalena, on B-G's orders, that ended the mutiny saved the country. Ben-Gurion'a is the sort of spunk I'm talking

Ehud Barak, IDF hero and pianist, is widely perceived as being the embodiment of the "beautiful Israeli," as opposed to

the ugly one. And he is. Ouce he has gained the party leadership, this popular perception can serve Barak well in a grim period, as he loads his own "holy cannon" and starts to take aim at the ugliness around him.

The writer's latest book, Another Love Story, was published recently; his Land of Two Promises, written jointly with Arab novelist Emil Habib, is currently being translated into several languages.

POSTSCRIPTS

bis own wake - and probably regrets that be did. Reported by his parents and wife

was surprised on coming home to see his family and neighbors mourning beside a coffin containing what they thought was his corpse. His picture rested on top of the

than he, fled on seeing Cataria walk into his house. A policeman said the confusion arose when Catarla's family

it was Catarla. The dead man'a facial features

Catarla went berserk on seeing his picture on top of the coffin. But his troubles are not over. Now, police say, his neighbors are demanding that his family return the money they donated for his funeral.

Soviet Union for three decades, polisters say. Ukrainian children - like those across the 15 former Soviet states

above virtually every blackboard. Ukraine's reformist party Rukh - the leading force in the push for independence from the Soviet Union - conducted a poll of 200 schoolchildren aged nine to 14.

Nearly four years later, they got the shock of their young lives: the marriage was real.

vacation purely for laughs.

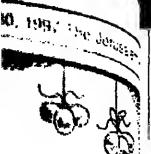
and told them they were breaking the law because their marriage wasn't registered in

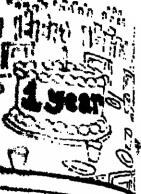
the officials said. But like the best love stories, this one has a happy ending: The couple received French documentation and plans a real wedding - on their fifth

of Animals. "It's been here all these years." The group had wanted to

nated with the Dutch, who settled

does, said the organization's Davey Shepherd (whose name suggests arrogant manipulation of sheep movement and should thus be changed). People in California, for instance, have no idea what it means, It might as





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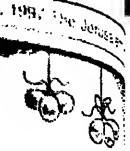


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Terror and torture If there was torture by the French army in the battle of Algiers it was because I. Jacques Massu,

ordered it.

o 1972, the French commander in that battle presented readers of his memoirs with his choices in 1956. He published pictures of the victims of the bombs that the terrorists were placing in mar-ketplaces and buses. Would the reader have borne responsibility for letting this slaughter of inno-cents continue?

The army, he wrote, planned to stop terrorism once and for all hy destroying the network of the National Liberation Front (FLN). The army did not attempt to fix responsibility for this or that act of the FLN, it simply attacked the whole organization.

Knowing that the FLN was organized in small hierarchical cells, Massu's paratroopers would immediately extract two items of information from anyone arrested for involvement with the FLN. information the prisoners surely had: To whom do you report, and whn reports to yon? To get it before targets of further arrests might be warned, the paras used whatever physical pressure was needed.

Gen. Massu published grisly pictures of tortured men, and justified his choice to prevent one kind of violence by working another kind.

Not the least part of his self-justification was that his plan worked. After a few months, there was no more FLN in Algiers. Its members were dead, in jail, or abroad.

Would it be possible for any Israeli official to defend the use of "physical pressure" on suspected terrorists on grounds similar to Massu's?

No. The only similarity between the two sets of circumstances is that torture is intrinsically a great evil, but that by torturing the guilty, one may save the innocent,

The big differences teach us a lot about the ethical and practical aspects of fighting terrorists.

First, whereas the French used torture as a temporary measure reasonably calculated to help terminate the circumstances in which both the innocent and the guilty were suffering, the Israeli security services seem to be using it as an ordinary measure to defend the country as long as it is

ANGELO CODEVILLA

threatened - as a means of fighting, rather than as part of a plan to end the war.

Machiavelli teaches that sometimes a dose of cruelty judiciously applied avoids far greater ones.
"Well used can be called those

[cruelties] that... are done all at once... and thereafter are oot repeated, but converted in the greatest possible utility for the subjects. Badly used are those which, though they be few at the outset, rather grow with time than flicker out.

"Those who observe the first way may have some remedy for their state with God and man... Those who du otherwise, either out of timidity or bad counsel, are always forced to keep knife in

Working one kind of violence to prevent another - can it be justified?

The point is that nothing can make torture into anything but an evil. Yet, if by employing this evil one has a reasonable chance of ending other, bigger ones, at least one has an argument.

Machiavelli and Jacques Massu, neither a tender heart, would disapprove on practical as well as ethical grounds of a policy that accepted both inflicting torture and suffering terrorism indefinitely.

Second, the nature of terrorism is such that the least efficient way of fighting it is to defend against individual acts and to pursue individual perpetrators, while the most effective way is to take the offensive against the organizations that run it.

THE Israeli security services are interested in thwarting specific future plans, or identifying responsibility for specific past acts.

But while most of the meo whom the security services interrogate with "physical pressure" are probably associated with some terrorist organization, only by rare chance would any know the answers to questions dealing with specific acts.

And even when they give them, such answers can only be the basis for winning little battles of no strategic significance. The terrorist organizations can afford to lose a few soldiers.

By contrast, if one is determined not to cope with a terrorist organization but to defeat it, one does not necessarily need even the kind of intelligence that Massu wrung from his prisoners.

Especially nowadays, the leaders of terrorist organizations have names and addresses. Often, they have titles and international subsi-

Nor is it intellectually difficult to fix guilt for the incitement and organization of violence against innocents. The intellectual task begins to get difficult only as one moves down the organization charts of groups like the PLO, Hamas, or Islamic Jihad. And since when does one hold soldiers more morally responsible than their commanders?

Alas, although fighting terror-ism by killing it physically from the top down makes the most sense intellectually and morally, while being easiest practically, it is also more difficult politically. Buth the defensive and the offensive approaches to terrorism

have costs. The cost of offense against the leadership includes giving up hope of a negotiated settlement, as well as disapproval from and possibly

conflict with the terrorist leaders' international sympathizers.

The cost of offense against an entire terrorist organization includes the kind of concerted use of torture employed by Massu. In exchange, offense offers the hope

of victory. By contrast, the costs of a defensive posture include empowering the security forces to sift, endlessly and violently, through the haystack of civil society in search of a few clusive needles.

Countries that merely defend against terrorism are condemned to balance loss of blood against loss of civil liberties, the growth of innocent casualties against the growth of the loathsome habit of physical pressure" against those presumed guilty.

In exchange, they get to hope that terrorism will decide to go

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Retreat from nationalism

The only way often a probable of though the external military threat Nationalism was often a probable of the other band, is safe. It municipal chaos

ocal government is in deepcrisis. During the past week the municipal system has been brought to a virtual standstill.

Roads are not being cleaned; children are not going to school or kindergarten; and many other. basic services are oot being provided, causing a great deal of inconvenience to us, the taxpay-

The most exasperating aspect of the strike has been the daily ritual of listening to the morning news to find out whether our children will be going to school, or whether we will have to find a last-minute solution to the problem of keeping them at home.

In many cases, parents have had no option but to lose a day's pay and stay at home with their chil-

At one level, the problem is money. The local anthorities argue that they are unable to provide basic services because they are uoable to cover the costs.

Most local authorities depend on the central government for a substantial part of their budget. Local taxes (arnona) cover anywhere between 50 to 70 percent of their overall budget (in some poorer development towns it may eveo be less), while the rest comes from the central government. Some of these fiscal transfors are for specific purposes, such as education and welfare. while a smaller amount is earmarked for other general purposes, though in reality, this often goes toward balancing the annual budget.

The municipalities argue that the level of fiscal transfer from the Interior Ministry is insufficient to meet demands for services. And the influx of a large number of immigrants has only made the

problem more difficult. The immigrants are ofteo exempt from paying full municipal taxes during their first few years in the country. Others remain unemployed or are elderly, thus placing an extra burden on the welfare services.

The extra costs are supposed to be covered by the Absorption Ministry. However, the heads of the local authorities argue that promises of compensation have not been met.

During the past 15 years, a number of comminees have been set up to solve the problem of local government finance. But the various recommendations have never beld out more than short-term rescue.

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solotions. Even where the recommendations have been implemented - by

no means the case in every instance. - local autitorities have usually returned to their debt-ridden state within a few years. This, in turn, has given rise to a ocw wave of strikes and demonstra-

What this suggests is that the problem isn't one that can be solved by some form of simple budget manipulation. It is more deep-rooted, requiring a completely different type of treatment.

OUR local government system was set up during the 1950s according to the needs of the set-

A complete overhaui of local government. No more, no less

tlement framework of the time. But while local government has remained unchanged over the past 40 years, the country's settlement oetwork has undergone major structural changes, particularly during the past 10 to 15

Where there was once a clear dichotomy between towns at one end of the spectrum and kibbutzim and moshavim at the other, this is no longer the case.

The towns have grown into large metropolitan complexes, and the rural landscape has become heavily urbanized, with former agricultural communities losing their unique characteristics.

An increasing oumber of people live in bedroom communities from which they commute to work in the towns and cities. The population as a whole bas become more affinent, and is demanding a wider range of ser-

Many new local amhorities have sprung up to cater to the new communities, but many of them are too small to raise the necessary funds for adequate services.

The central government is becoming less willing to continue to transfer large sums to these authorities; yet the greater the number of these new small municipalities, the greater the debt, and the more central government will find itself forced to come to their

tee to come up with a stopgap solution to the immediate problem of debt is clearly insufficient. What we need is a complete overhaul of the local government sys-

Sctting op yet another commit-

This requires redrawing municipal boundaries in such a way as to decrease the total number of separate authorities, and increasing the threshold size of each one. It requires a recognition that the country's settlement landscape has become so diverse that there is no longer any point in maintaining separate systems of local government for urban and rural communities. In short local government reform.

It's been attempted before. In the early 1980s, the Zanbar Commission recommended redrawing and amalgamating some local government units, even creating of new forms of local authority. Most of these recommendations

were never implemented because of strong upposition by local anthority heads, many of whom were fearful of losing their power. At present, the Shahar Commission is engaged in drawing up a series of proposals aimed at forcing many of the smaller municipal authorities to amalgamate. But even before its recommendations have been poblished, cries uf opposition

those anthorities which would be affected. Yet it is these same municipal officials who argue that they are unable to cover the costs of providing services within their com-

can be heard emanating from

They cannot continue to have the best of both worlds. Without absolving the Interior Ministry of its obligations to local authorities, central government

cannot be a bottomless source of

Local government heads must therefore take some hard decisions. They must either cut back oo some of their services, or accept the necessity of streamlin-

ing the corrent system. . If we are to avoid the total collapse of the system of local govemment, these decisions must be taken now. The alternative is complete municipal chaos.

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expression of anti-Zionist senti-

ment by a marginal group? The public debate over this question serves to mask the realproblem liberal society is having with Jewish nationalism. One is forced, in fact, to wonder whether a haredi "bogey-man" hasn't been constructed to deflect doubts about nationalism shared by modern and haredi thinkers.

Nationalism is currently suffering from a bad reputation - and often with good reason.

When we think of nationalists, the images that are likely to come to mind are France's Jean-Marie Le Pen, or Serb and Bosnian fighters, people who define their identity in terms of hatred for the other side. At the time of the Balfour Declaration, with the collapse of

the czar and the Anstro-Hungarian empire, the idea of national selfdetermination of peoples whose national identity had been suppressed became popular. But 80 years later, the emphasis has shifted from the nation to the

individual and self-fulfillment. Even John Kennedy's call: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country," seems anachronistic. Isn't it the country's purpose,

after all, to provide for the security and social needs of the individ-

Here in Israel, the difficulties presented by the retreat from nationalism are particularly acute - and not because of what happened in Mea She'arim last week. Motivation among secular Jews to serve in the IDF has dropped,

Today's secular Israeli society is often condemned as materialistic, and its youth labeled bedonistic.

explanation of the phenomenon. In Israel, as in the Western world in general, nationalism is perceived as divisive and parochial. More than 30 years ago, George to xenophobia and aptisemitism.

Moreover, the Jewish mind has always associated nationalism with idolarry. This is because all oationalism, by definition, demands the individual's willing-But this is a facile and insufficient ness to sacrifice his life for the national good.

Justifying that sacrifice is the assertion that the oation represents

Belief in an overriding ideal is frightening in its potential for idolatry

Steiner labeled it "the poison of our age" that almost led to the total destruction of Europe, that allowed men to avoid addressing their identity as human beings. Even worse, nations are seen in

act in instinctive pursuit of their interests, trampling, if necessary, whatever stands in their way. According to this view, the human potential for moral behavior resides not in the national collective but in the individual, who, if moral, is guided by his sense of right and

wrong. The good individual, in other words, is an end in himself. The nation, in contrast, is seen from a moral vantage point not as an end but as a necessary means to supply services, and deter or repel outside aggression.

THERE are particularly Jewish

reasons to be suspicious of nationalism Jews in exile knew that when their Gentile hosts began unfurl-ing banners and beating drums,

danger wasn't far away.

an eternal, enduring truth, that it embodies a transcendent ideal. dwarfing the significance of the individual's temporal existence. And the individual? He finds meaning through his willingness

tu give up his life for the nation. submerging his identity within the national ideal. But the transcendent ideals that lie at the beart of every nationalism - liberty, for example - are themselves limited; and attribut-

ing overriding value to limited ideals is, on an abstract level, the definition of idolatry. The claim of nations that the ideals they express are worth dying for thus runs counter to an iconoclasm fundamental to the

Jewish character, one shared hy religious and secular Jews alike. The materialism and antinationalism that plague secular Israel today are less a surrender to base, animal nature than a flight from embracing limited ideals as more than what they are. Belief in anything, especially a

is not. Cynicism is a proven alternative to idolatry. So having celebrated Jewisb

nationalism on Independence Day, and preparing to do so again on Jerusalem Day ocxt week, we should be asking ourselves why we are celebrating, why we attach moral significance to nationhood.

Because even when the question remains unarticulated, it surreptitiously shakes the foundations of our national existence. That it does so is testimony to

Israel's Jewishness, to an ingrained unwillingness within all sections of our variegated society to become a nation like all others. The pursuit of "normaley" that inspired early Zionist thinking has given way to a skepticism that

Nations are the historical expression of contemporary 'gods," of transcendent ideals that demand obeisance.

masks an insistence on something

While it is clear that a renewed commitment to our own Jewish nationalism depends on discovering how our God differs from others, how the ideal that gives our nation life is distinguishable from the ideals of other nations, the challenge we face is how to go about it, where to begin.

Yes, it is a formidable intellectual and existential task, but it cannot be avoided.

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Foreigners flee Sierra Leone

FREETOWN — Evacuation of foreigners from Sierra Leone gathered pace yesterday while the new military authorities struggled to consolidate their control.

British and other European nationals gathered at a beachside hotel to take helicopters across the wide river estuary to Lungi airport, from where a chartered Boeing 747 was due to leave for Paris and London in . the afternoon.

US Marines and helicopters from the US Navy ship Kearsarge landed to evacuate Americans.

Sierra Leonean soldiers have seized foreign-owned diamond mines in the eastern town of Koidu following the coup, police and community leaders in the town said yesterday. Heavily-armed soldiers drove from Freetown and opened fire to scare away owners of the mines and other businesses.
Canadian, British and Belgian

mine operators are among hundreds of foreigners who have taken refuge at beachside hotels in Freetown hoping for evacuation flights.

The evacuation from the few overcrowded hotels in the steamy, seaside capital has taken on added urgency because of moves by Nigeria to reverse the military coup, which has been condemned internationally.

A helicopter chartered hy Belgian carrier Sabena flew 130 people to Conakry, capital of neighbouring Guinea. A Boeing 707 plane sent by Lehanon evacuated 178 Lehanese, most of them women and children. It also carried the hodies of two Lebanese men killed in the

A UN-chartered boat carried 97 people to Conakry and was expected to make a second trip yesterday.

The new military authorities who seized power on Sunday blamed harassment of civilians on former servicemen and escaped prisoners in army uniform and warned they would be arrested, apparently oblivious to the fact that the most prominent escaped prisoner was new head of state, Major Johnny Paul Kotomah.

Koromah, 33, was among those freed from Freetown's Pademba Road prison at the start of the coup. He was detained over an earlier coup attempt against civilian president Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, who flew to Guinea on Sunday.

(Agencies)



Laurent Kabila is sworn in as head of state of the Democratic Republic of Congo yesterday.

their destiny.

Kabila sworn in as president

The presidents of Uganda, Rwanda, Angola,

Burundi and Zamhia attended the ceremony, at which many in the crowd were catching their

first glimpse of the man who now controls

Kabila, 57, has kept out of the public eye

Kahila's soldiers were out in force in the

Martyrs Stadium, which was previously called

the Kamanyola stadium after Mohutu's most

Earlier, organizers publicly warned hundreds

of students calling for democracy and payment

of grants that any further disruption of the cer-

emony would provoke a "firm" response and

Mohutu's defeated army for the disruption and

said that they had been apprehended in the

As Kabila arrived there was a rumhle of dis-

famous victory - against an earlier revolt.

since arriving in the city on May 20.

By MATTHEW TOSTEVIN

KINSHASA (Reuter) - President Laurent Kabila took office as head of state of the Democracic Republic of Congo yesterday, sealing his victory over veteran dictator Mohutu Sese Seko.

He promised elections in April 1999. Kabila, whose forces marched into the capi-

tal on May 17 after a seven-month civil war, swore the oath of office in front of the head of the supreme court and a crowd of tens of thousands of people in Kinshasa's main sports sta-

In an address to the naoon, punctuated with side-swipes at Western governments who supported Mobutu and were pressuring him to show his democratic credentials, he announced a timetable for democratic change in the former Zaire.

"We are not in a hurry. This crumbling and shattered state must be organized so that the Congolese people can hold elections," he said in an address to the nation, naming April 1999 as the date for presidential and parliamentary elections.

"Be assured that the timetable will he respected," he said, adding that no foreign interference would change the timerable. As a first step, he said a constituent council would be set up to draft a new constitution that

would be put to an elected constituent assem-

hly and finally to the people in a referendum in

they alone would bear responsibility for the consequences. One official, speaking over the public address system, also blamed members of

> content in some sections of the crowd, who asked in Lingala, a local language, where vet-eran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi was. Mobutu's former military band screnaded

"We automatically have unconditional respect for the head of state," said Major Kawamonoko Ngodia, commander of the 250strong hrass band. "It does not matter who it implementation dragged.

Kahila." Others were less complimentary. An unemployed computer programmer said neighboring powers were telling Kabila what to do. "Kabila has sold out the country," he grumbled.

The government declared yesterday a public holiday in the city and state radio urged the population to turn out in force at the Chinesehuilt stadium. It holds upwards of 80,000 people and was at least half full.

Kabila's Alliance has banned political activity and public demonstrations, citing the need to preserve public order.

He decreed himself sweeping powers to run the country until the adoption of a new transitional constitution by a promised constituent council. Earlier in the day, his soldiers broke up a third opposition protest in under a week. Kabila's 15-article decree, broadcast on state radio and television, said individual liberties would be guaranteed subject to respect of the law, public order and morals.

"The government conducts the policies of the nation as defined by the president," the decree added.

Mobutu ruled mineral-rich Zaire for over three decades, during which rampant corruption drained what is potentially one of Africa's richest nations. Foreign and domestic pressure forced him to abandon his near absolute powers in 1990 for a democratic transition hut

Clinton sees hope in Iran election

LONDON - President Clinton said yesterday the election of a moderate president in Iran is a hopeful sign that "estrangements can be hridged" between the United States and the Islamic

Yet, he said, Iran must renounce violence, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Speaking at a news conference with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Clinton called the election of moderate cleric Mohammad Khatami "an interesting development" that raised hopes of bettered relations.

Clinton said the election of Khatami was "a reaffirmation of the democratic process there. It's interesting and it's hopeful," Clinton said the United States hopes for "a reconciliation with a country that does not believe that terrorism is a legitimate extension of political policies" and would end its vehement opposition to the Middle East peace process.

"I have never been pleased with the estrangements between the people of the United States and the people of Iran." Clinton said. "I hope the estrangements can be bridged." The United States broke diplomatic relations with Iran after Islamic radicals occupied the US embassy in Teheran in 1979, holding diplomats hostage for more

The Clinton administration has maintained a strict economic embargo against Iran, and urged other nations to do the same. It also has insisted that normal relations cannot be resumed until Iran

renounces terrorism. Blair yesterday announced a joint initiative with Clinton to fight unemployment in the industrialized nations.

At the joint news conference, Blair said Britain would next year host a special mini-summit on jobs ahead of a meeting of the Group of Seven (G7) major industrialized nations. Blair said: "In Europe in partic-

ular we need to reduce long-term and youth unemployment, both of which are unacceptably high." He added: "We have agreed today to a common agenda and a shared determination to identify what action needs to be taken to tackle the problems we all face." Clinton said: "I am very pleased with the proposal to pursue an economic agenda within the G8 (the G7 and Russia) and I am going to support that." Officials said the two leaders would ask other members of the G7 at next month's summit in Denver, Colorado, to launch a two-year plan aimed at creating jobs in the industrial world by increasing labor market flexibility and reducing the burdens on busi-

Pilot completes Earhart's trip

OAKLAND, California (AP)

Retracing Amelia Earhart's illfated round-the-world trip, pllot Linda Finch discovered the legendary aviator's appeal is global.

"When I left, I thought Amelia was primarily a role model for young women in this country," said Finch, who crossed 17 countries and five continents. "Now I realize she's admired and respected by nearly everyone, every-where I went. The San Antonio, Texas, businesswoman landed her twin-engine Lockheed Electra, the same model Earhart used, before a cheering crowd at the Oakland airport Wednesday, completing a 41,840-km journey that took 10 weeks to complete.

Earbart mysteriously disappeared on her way to Howland Island in the South Pacific on July 2, 1937.

While Finch had wanted to focus on Earhart's accomplishments rather than her loss, Finch said she couldn't help but get choked up when she dropped three wreaths over Howland Island in Earbart's memory.
"It was a much more emotional

time than I anticipated," Finch said. "It brought ber loss to the forefront." One of the wreaths came from Scott Knoch, the mayor of Atchison, Kansas, Earhart's birthplace. Knoch returned to Oakland to present Finch a lei of sunflowers, partly because yellow was reportedly. Earhart's favorite color.

She also received countless bouquets of flowers and cards from children and other well-

A stiff breeze blew as Finch elimbed from the plane, wearing a tan flight suit and looking remarkably alert despite flying. for almost 16 hours after per Tuesday departure from Honolulu.

She waved and beamed at the hundreds of people gathered to watch her end the flight she bad begun from the same field on March 17.

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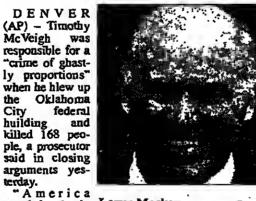
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Prosecution makes closing arguments in McVeigh trial the blast, the



Larry Mackey

stood in shock. Who could do such a thing?" said prosecutor a day after McVeigh's attorneys Larry Mackey. "It's a question that began to ripple across this country coast to coast." It has fallen to you, members of the jury, to answer this question," he said. "The answer is clear Tim McVeigh did it."

Mackey said defense attorney Stephen Jones failed to keep the "bold promise" he made to jurors at the beginning of the trial to prove McVeigh innocent.

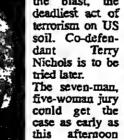
He said the evidence clearly showed McVeigh was "motivated hy hatred of the government" over the deadly government siege at Waco, Texas, two years earlier.

"Only a wall of windows separated the unsuspecting children, women and men in that building" from the truckload of explosives that tore through the nine-story Alfred P. Murrah federal building on April 19, 1995, Mackey said.

He said Mc Veigh was a coward, who could see the cribs and the toys in the child-care center in the building as he made bis way to a getaway car after setting the fuse to the massive bomb.

Mackey eited the testimony of Helena Garrett, who lost her young son, Tevin, in the bombing. "He died. This bomber didn't care. The only thing he cared about was hringing down the

Murrah huilding on top of its occupants," the prosecutor said. McVeigh, a 29-year-old decorated Gulf War veteran, could get the death penalty if convicted in



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and would delib-

erate through the weekend if necessary. (Remer) The closing arguments came

rested their case after 25 witnesses in just 3% days. The modest defense - following

a lean prosecution case that saw 137 witnesses in 18 days - came after Matsch refused to allow theories of a larger conspiracy involving foreign and domestic terrorists.

Matsch also refused to allow evidence of troubles at the FBI's crime lab not directly related to the bombing and refused to introduce into evidence nearly all of a Justice Department report critical of the lab. McVeigh's lawyers were left

trying to show that the real bomber may have died in the blast, introducing confusion about the rental of the bomb-carrying Ryder rental truck and discrediting star prosecution witnesses Michael Fortier and his wife, Lon. The couple testified McVeigh confided his plans to hlow up the federal building months in advance.

The defense wrapped up its case with an audio and video presentation intended to show how Fortier went from proclaiming the innocence of his former Army huddy on television to joking in wiretapped phone conversations about concocting a story to make a million dollars off the case.

"I've found my career because I can tell a fable," Fortier said in a conversation with his brother. "I can tell stories all day long."

Turkish leaders struggle to save coalition

Ciller: Inevitable solution is elections

ANKARA (AP) — An Islamic party and its junior partner in government yesterday appeared to move closer to hringing on early elections.

Deputy prime minister Tansu Ciller told reporters at the end of her center-right True Path party's executive council meeting that she was given full authority to finalize negotiations with coalidon partner Islamic

The negotiations seem to be deadlocked on the spe-cific date of early elections and when Mrs. Ciller will take over the premiership from Welfare leader Necmettin Erbakan. "We're in full agreement that the inevitable solu-don is elections," Mrs. Ciller told reporters after the

Welfare's executive body also met separately at the same time, but no announcements were made at its

conclusion. Erbakan reportedly agreed to hand over the pre-miership to Mrs. Ciller on July 1 under the condition of early elections in October, private NTV television

But Mrs. Ciller wanted a longer premiership term and opted for elections in March, it added. The Islamic government has been under fire from the military, business world, labor unions and media

for its anti-secular moves. Meanwhile, Turkish troops consolidated their control in parts of northern Iraq yesterday in a two-weekold anti-guerrilla operation which has attracted

increasing protest internationally, state-run Anatolian news agency reported. Anatolian quoted sources in the region as saying

Turkish forces had "taken complete control" of many areas of the Kurdish enclave where Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) rebels were active.

It said among areas under Turkish military control were Snath, Khwakurk, Zap, Sidikan, Nerva, Rekan and Berwani.

Guerrillas and Turkish forces clashed sporadically across the region. On Wednesday night, troops killed 13 rebels trying to flee into the mountains from Snath, the agency said.

At least 10,000 Turkish troops poured into northern Iraq on May 14 in pursuit of PKK rebels who use the region as a base to launch raids into southeast Turkey. Several hundred demonstrators gathered yesterday at the Turkish embassy in Baghdad to protest against the incursion.

They waved placards and shouted slogans denouncing both Turkey and Israel and demanding that Ankara withdraw its troops immediately from the area. "Down, down down Turkey and Israel," screamed demonstrators.

Turkey says it has killed 1,817 PKK guerrillas during the operation. Rebel sources say these figures are exaggerated and the PKK leader put the rebel death

The operation is being conducted under a strict news hlackout

Child raped, killed in California casino

LONG BEACH (AP) — An in an arcade while they were 18-year-old high school student gamhling, a sonrce connected befriended a 7-year-old girl, then raped and killed her inside the women's restroom of a casino, police said yesterday.

Jeremy Strohmeyer was arrested for investigation of the slaying of Sherrice Iverson, whose hody was found at the Primadonna Resort — one of three hotel-casinos in Primm, 70 km southwest of Las Vegas, Metropolitan Police Sgt. Bill Keeton said.

Sherrice had arrived in the area with her father, Leroy Iverson, 57, of Los Angeles, and 14-year-old brother.

Security guards had warned Sherrice's family three times that night not to leave her alone

gambling, a sonrce connected with the casino said. Keeton said Strohmeyer gained Sherrice's trust hy playing with her. Casino surveillance tapes show Sberrice playing hide-and-seek in the arcade with two men.

At 3:50 a.m., she darted into the women's restroom, and one of the men followed her. The man came out alone 25 minutes latet. Several women went in while the man was inside, police said.

A witness described a suspect with nipple rings and a stud in his tongue and Strohmeyer marches the description.

Strohmeyer also made statements implicating himself in the girl'a killing, Keeton sald, refusing to elaborate.

French Left confident

PARIS (Reuter) — France's increasingly confident opposition Left ridiculed the "odd couple" cast in the role of saviors of the center-Right yesterday while the conservative government struggled to avert defeat in Sunday's parliamentary election.

Outgoing Prime Minister Alain Juppe conceded in a radio interview the Socialist-led opposition could win the decisive runoff and pleaded with his backers to campaign "with a bit more fire and passion" in the dying days of the

Even some senior centrists in the ruling coalition voiced dismay at a tandem of socially-minded National Assembly speaker Philippe Seguin and free-marketeer Alain Madelin, thrust into the limelight in a last-ditch unity gamble.

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Boom bust? Construction in the territories

With talk of a final settlement looming, settlers are more anxious than ever to establish facts on the ground. Do houses stand empty - as the US recently charged - or is there a long waiting list to join settlements? Margot Dudkevitch reports.

ecent ad eampaigns . promoting house sales Jodea, Samaria, Gaza and the Jordan Valley give the impression that intensive construction is taking place, but statistics show more building permits were approved uoder the former government than under the current one.

Io its last year and a half in power, the Labor government granted 3,942 permits, while the Likud coalition bas authorized

Samaria and Gaza (knowo by the Hebrew acrooym .Yesba Council), says the figures are much higher under the current government. "Io Kiryat Sefer alone 2,000 permits were granted, io Ma'aleb Adumim over 1,000, in Kedumim there were

200," he says. Settlers had boped the current government would allow more coostruction in the territories, he says, and many bad expected and building binge.

"At the same time, it's not simple to re-direct government poli- .. cy of four years. The governmeet is not going to build any government-sponsored housing, so it's up to the private contrac-

Leiter adds that the Yesha

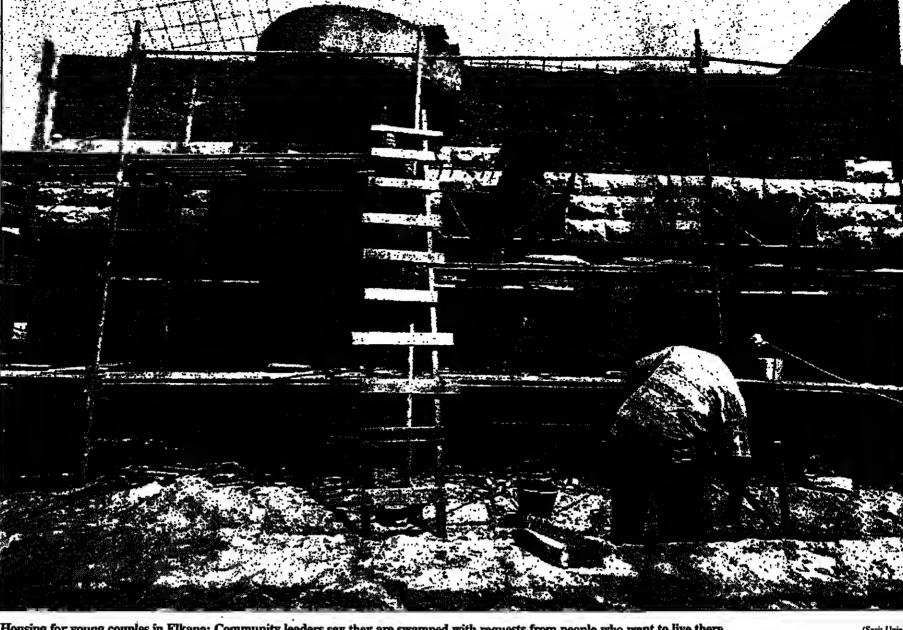
Council's demand for more building will become more urgent once the 3,000 units released last year

At present the couocil plans to set up a special mortgage bank that will allow residents throughout the territories to apply for secood and third mortgages to complete buildings.
"This should allow more young couples to purchase homes."

Settlements, bowever, are inpudated with requests from only 2,200 over the pastical families throughout the country attaining a higher standard of

Last December, the governmeot decided to classify the settlements as oational priority areas, making them once again eligible for a large basket of financial incentives. The decision not only assured settlers that they are important, but persnaded many ooo-ideological Israelis that oow is the time to move across the Green Line.

In many settlements, the majority of hooses oow being sold were inicated by the Shamir government and fin-ished under the Rabin government. Due to the Labor government freeze, bowever, they are only oow being put oo the mar-



Housing for young couples in Elkana: Community leaders say they are swamped with requests from people who want to live there.

ACCORDING to Mossy Raz, secretary-geoeral of Peace Now, thousands of building permits have been granted in the past weeks, including 1,800 in Kiryat Sefer, 300 in Ganim and 58 in

> Government financial Incentivés have Israells that now is the time to move across the

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He also predicts 1,500 permits will soon be issued for Ma'alch Adumim, 1,200 for Emanuel and 70 io Karnei Shomron. The former government, says Raz, carried out its decisions quietly, withont annoying Palestinians.

"For instance, former government leaders knew that areas such as Ma'aleh Adomim would ruffle oo feathers, but decided

against construction in a settlement like Tapuah, deemed politically sensitive," he says. Funds allocated to settlements under the former government, says Raz, became the settlers' responsibility, whereas the current governmeot hands out all sorts of incentives, including a 7% tax reduction, loans to cover a majority of the mortgage, and additional sums in the form of grants.

Earlier this year, the Jordan Valley advertised uoder the slogan "Jordan Valley, a strip of opportunities," offering 50 bouses for sale that had been built by the Housing Ministry in 1995, as well as 25 units in "build your own nome" projects ferent moshavim.

Three months after the campaign started. Community Development Coordinator Sbulamit Kaminsky says the regional council offices had received over 1,300 requests from people seeking to purchase a bouse on a plot of land.

Prices, says Kaminsky, range from \$50,000 for Housing Ministry units bnilt in 1995 to \$180,000 for the build-yourown-home projects.

"We were amazed with the results," she says, adding that people applied from all over the country. Most of the candidates were professionals: teachers, dentists, salesmen, artists, lawyers and engineers. People didn't even raise political issues,

bot stressed they were fed up with eity life, Kamiosky said. Meanwhile, the Samaria Regiocal Council is planning to sell 900 houses in settlemeots sueb as Barkan, Ginot Sbomroo and Karnei Shomroo.

Settlements are **Inundated** with requests from families seeking to purchase a private hous with a yard.

BUT THE mini-huilding boom will not come to settlements sueb as Elkana, which views future expansioo as onlikely, mainly due to geographical lim-

Mayor Nissan Slomiansky says the council constantly receives requests from people wishing to live there, and would like the current 600-family settlement to expand. But this would only be possible if another 2,000 dunams of land are allocated to the settlement.

Established in 1977, Elkana

has the appearance of an opmar-ket oeighborhood like Herzliya Pituah, Huge villas, boasting the latest in architectural styles, are divided into different neighborboods.

Well-majotained roads and footpaths separate them, surrounded by well-kept greeo areas. Io addition, the oldest part of the settlement cootains approximately 110 prefab units in which the founding members lived. Today these are occupied by families waiting to move into oew bomes elsewhere in the set-

ACCORDING to Kegional Council spokeswoman Ahuva Shilo, the community of Barkan bas become more appealing due to the enormons iodustrial complex oext door. The 160-family settlement is planning to sell 45 "build your own home plots" and has plans for hundreds more.

Indeed, the 100-factory industrial park, which employs 4,000 workers from the region, is very impressive. Park director Etty Alousb explains that in 1989, when the park was first established, there were only 25 factories. Now she is inundated with requests from businesses wanting to set op there.

A large mall at the park's entrance offers every service factories may require, including

a post office, bank and cafeteria.
The aim is that factory owners will be able to order any supplies they oeed without leaving the complex," she says.

SITUATED on three hilltops noder the jurisdiction of the Karnei Shomroo local eouneil are Ginot Shomron, established in 1975 and home to 250 families; Karnei Sbomroo, established in 1977, with 750 families (including a oew oeighborhood called Neveh Aliza, with 60 bouses inhabited by new immigrants from Western countries); and Neveb Meoahem, founded Samaria in 1991, which has 120 houses that were completed before the former government declared a freeze, and cement shells of 300 buildings that were affected by the freeze and bave stood empty since 1992.

Wheo the area was establisbed, plans were drawn up for 2,400 units there. A road joining Karnei Sbomron and Gioot Sbomroo was built io 1992, says council engineer Ada Ginsburg, who adds that by oext year she bopes the road to Neveh Menahem will be completed.

In Ginot Sbomron, the Hoosing Ministry receotly allowed the sale of 75 units that had been left empty due to the

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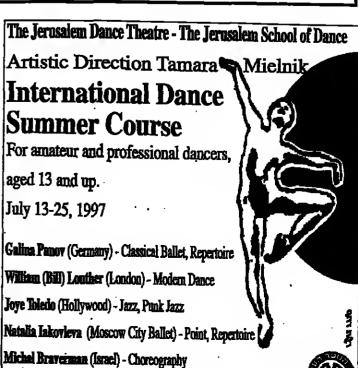


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In the spotlight: Ehud Barak campaigning in Haifa

Born to rule?

ne after another, members of Kibbutz Ramat Yohanan came up to shake hands with Ehud Barak on Sunday, slap him on the back and recall their days together in the army or the kibbutz movement. "I feel at home here," Barak told about 150 people in the dining room of this kibbutz east of Haifa, not far from Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon where he grew up. "As I drove in, I saw places where I used to play in my childhood, and people with whom I fought in the Yom Kippur War," he said.

That night, at the inauguration of the Yirzhak Rabin Social Sciences and Mathematics Complex at Haifa University, Barak greeted Rabin's daughter, Dalia Rabin Pelossof, with a familiar, "Ahlan" ("Hil"), and they kissed each other on the cheek.

Shaking hands with Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar Yashuv Cohen, Barak

Barak is one of those Israeli aristocrats who has many, many thousands of friends and acquaintances. He is at the top of the kibbutz-IDF-Labor Party establishment, Most observers believe it is a foregone conclusion he will win Tuesday's Labor primary by a landslide.
As a former IDF chief of staff and

as the most decorated soldier in Israeli history, Barak, 55, has an infectious air about him that suggests that the leadership of the Labor Party is his by right, that he was bred for it. "I see myself, first and foremost, as the continuation of Yitzhak Ehud Barak has an infectious air about him that suggests the leadership of the party is his by right, **Larry Derfner** reports

and Shimon," he told his audience at Ramat Yohanan.

A German TV crew was following Barak around. In the visitors' lounge at Haifa University, he shook hands with a line of foreign donors who were introduced to him, telling them in his gravelly, lisping voice, "It's my pleasure to meet you."

Sir Anthony Jacobs, chairman of the university's Board of Governors, told him, "In England, only one name in the Israeli opposition is ever mentioned, and I happen to be talking to him." Jacobs spoke about Tony Blair's victory, and Barak said little, smiling his Robert De Niro

The absolute certainty of his primary victory, however, makes his campaign dull. He doesn't have to fight, he doesn't even have to sweat. Standing in the kibbutz dining room

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with a microphone in his hand, his other hand resting on his hip or making fiddling gestures in the air, Barak spoke for a half-hour, running through probably every position in the Labor Party platform. Towards the end, about a third of the audience was staring into space, "Well," the emcee said afterward, "the 'opening remarks' numed into a lecture, but that's also good." Barak raised an eyebrow, and went on eating his crackers and pretzels.

He got medium applause from his listeners, but he can expect to get a lot of votes from them. Four kibbutzniks talking among themselves all said they were voting Barak. "He's a leader," explained Ofer Levy. "He was my son's commander," noted an elderly woman.

At Haifa University, Mayor Amram Mitzna - another former army general who had a niche in Labor carved out and waiting for him - offered more substantial reasons: "I've known Ehud for many years. He has amazing personal capacities - brilliant powers of analysis; he can deal with details and keep the big picture in front of him at the same time. He has great skill at managing large organizations. Together, this makes him the night man for the

Above all, though, Labor voters see Barak as their Great White Hope possibly the only challenger with the statute and centrist image to beat Binyamin Netanyahu in the 2000 elections, if not before. A Gallup Poll published last weekend showed Barak leading Netanyahu among Jewish voters 45% to 40%; Israeli Arabs would likely prefer him over the prime minister by a much wider

And he does come across as a win-ner. When he wasn't rambling on about policy and parry unity, and instead presenting his strategy for wirning the general election, Barak was impressive. To win, he said, he didn'i have to reverse Netanyahu's huge majority among working-class Sephardim; he only had to dent it.

That's what Rabin did in 1992, he noted - raising Labor's total from 20% to 35% in one development town, from 20% to 25%-in another. "Rabin won by moving 2% of the vote from the Right to the Left," he told the audience. As for the haredim he said, "We won't change them, but maybe we will dampen their enthusiasm to bring down any candidate who comes from the Left."

During this brief passage, Barak talked confidence, can-do spirit to the kibbutzniks. The Labor Party, he said, has come to view Netanyaho's victory "almost deterministically. As soon as it was known Netanyahu had won, even by a hair, then all of a sudden it was as if it was predestined, as if the writing was on the wall.

"[But] it wasn't predestined, it wasn't written on the wall - it's in our hands, and we can change it, and that's what we plan to do."

That day was Lag Ba'omer, and a reported 150,000 people went up to Mt. Meron for the annual religious revival. Netanyahu was there, and his supporters sang, "Bibi King of Israel" to him. Barak chose not to attend. It seemed a surprising decision for an ambitious, would-be prime minister, but Barak explained that it was a practical one.

"We're at the height of the prima-ry campaign, and I don't think too many of those people are Labor Party members," he said. "But I'm going to see what I can do to bring them into the Labor Party. From next year on, I'll be there."

In Barak's shadow:

Tuesday's Labor Party leadership contest was over before it ever began. A year after its stinging defeat, the party is obsessed with one issue: beating Bibi at the next poll. Most members believe Ehud Barak is the only one who can do that. They may be braced to vote for Barak,

but many Laborites secretly - and not so secretly - prefer other candidates, as Larry Derfner, Allison Kaplan Sommer and Abraham Rabinovich discovered on the campaign trail of the four contenders.



'That's the head:' Yossi Beilin at a Jerusalem press conference

More brain than brawn

omeone truly perceptive came up with Dr. Yossi Beilin's campaign slogan. The phrase, "Beilin - that's the bead," appears on all of his campaign material. The word "head" carries a double meaning: stating that Beilin should head the Labor Party and at the same time stressing his intellectu-

But the slogan-writer unconsciously brought to light Beilin's greatest weakness: it takes more than a sharp brain to convince people to choose you as their leader, it also takes heart and muscle - or at least the

appearance of possessing them. Beilin, ealm and analytical by nature. lacks the good-old-boy, slap-on-the-back rapport that have lifted politicians like Bill Clinton and Binyamin Netanyahu to power in recent years.

He also lacks the Rabinesque macbo military aura that the front-runner in the Labor race, Ehud Barak, exudes, and which most of the Labor Party leadership has decided to bank on as an "electable" quality. Even Laborites who prefer his outspoken clear dovish views over Barak's fuzzier ceotrist positions admit they want to win the election and return to power more than they want their views reflected by the leader of their

Hence, Beilin, No. 2 in the polls, has found it difficult to overtake the charismatic former chief of staff.

Walking into the Radius radio station in Rosh Ha'ayin on Monday morning, impec-cably groomed in suit and tie, Beilin resists attempts by the station's gregarious owner, David Ben-Bassat, to informally schmooze. Beilin is polite to a fault. Ben-Bassat asks Beilin ever listens to Radius when he is

Lamely, unconvincingly, Beilin nods his head without making eye contact with Ben Bassat and mumbles "Sometimes" - then quickly adds, "You know, I make a lot of phone calls in the car." But once comfortably seated in the studio, talking politics and policy into the microphone, Beilin is far more relaxed.

He hits his stride as be reviews the main pints of his campaign for Labor leadership. He makes no secret of the fact that it is not a post he has craved over the years, but that his decision to run was made when it appeared that Barak was about to be

Yossi Beilin says he's on a quest to save the party from a Barak dictatorship, Allison Kaplan Sommer writes

crowned Labor leader without any real opposition. His is not a candidacy of personal ambition, be contends, it is a quest to save the Labor Party from a Barak dictatorship. While first professing bis admiration for Barak as a military man, he proceeds to shoot darts into his candidacy.

"Ebud Barak is an unknown quantity, he has been in politics for less than two years and has never fought a public battle in his life. He will try to beat Bibi Netanyahu by emulating him, and trying to appeal to a centrist vote that I don't believe exists. I reject this strongman approach - painting yourself as being in the center and then only later saying what you really think."

He returns to a theme of his campaign: "Barak says that only he can win. But polls show us both beating Netanyahu - the question is not then who can beat Bibi, but who should lead the Labor Party." It is a line he has to adjust later on that day, as a poll comes out showing Barak with a far better chance of a victory against Netanyahu than

In general, Monday was not a good press day for Beilin. His "shadow cabinet" was published in the press, and was ridiculed by Barak, whom be slotted as defense minister. Barak joked that the odds of his becoming defense minister were as slim as Beilin's chances of being elected Labor leader.

After the radio interview. Beilin headed back to the Knesset to spend the afternoon in Labor Party meetings, to give an interview to Ma'ariv, and to attend the no-confidence

Then it was back to the campaign trail and a meeting at a home in Beit Shemesh. The scene sounds incongruoos - Yossi Beilin in Beit Shemesh, one of the toughest Likud

strongholds in the country. But Beilin met with an extremely supportive group of some 20 of the town's most dovish Laborites at activist vair level's villa in the Givat Sharett neighborhood.

"Not only is this group not reflective of Beit Shemesh," admitted Tevet, "but it doesn't even represent the Labor Party in Beit Shemesh. Most of them are at a Barak rally taking place in town tonight."

Again, Beilin opens the forum with his critique of Barak and the need for him to face some opposition instead of cruising to the leadership, noting that "no one can disagree with his views because no one knows what

Beilin's own views are as clear as they are cootroversial: support for a Palestinian state, specific arrangements for the status of the settlements, the belief that Israel should exchange peace with security guarantees from Syria for a return to the international borders on the Golan Heights.

He advocates a unilateral withdrawal from : Lebanon, "preferably" with a signed agree-ment, but he would settle for informal understandings. "It is easier to guard our country from within tather than without," be says. "There is no need for our soldiers to continue dying in Lebanon."

Beilin's reviews from the group were favorable. However, all of the positive comments were followed up with reservations about his electability. "He is a serious guy, modest, be has no

airs, does not put on a show," says Avner Ra'anan, a retired air force officer now in private business in Beit Sbemesh, "but he acks charisma.

"For a party to win an election today you need a central force, a personality. I support Beilin but I don't think he will make it." "He impresses me. I don't go for the

aggressive style, all of the yelling in politics today. But I'm in the minority," said Sarit Ramon, a youth counselor. "He has to find a. tactic to make bimself stand out in a crowd. His body language makes him look inse-

Yehiel Erez, a bearded, harefoot, old-style socialist who writes for a Beit Shemesh publication, summed up Beilin's image problem most succincily: "He knows how to sell his ideas, but he doesn't know how to sell

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The Labor leadership countdown



A somber candidate: Ephraim Sneh at a bar mitzva, in Upper Nazareth

His father's son

in a modern setting he could well be a politician striding into a shopping mall at peak hour -smile in place, antennae up, per-sonality projector flashing - to find lacks in no one there. Ephraim Sneh has been through worse in his life - he served as a paratroop medical officer at the horrific battle at the Chinese Farm in Sinai in the Yom Kippur War. He was also present at Labor Party headquarters in the last elections.

But there was something ineffably sad about the sight of the candidate, geared up to work his way through throngs of voters, idly pausing in an empty corridor to examine the reports

window display of a bookshop. None of his local aides could explain why the Nazareth shopping mall, serving both the Jews of the. npper city and the Arabs of the lower, should be so empty at 6 p.m. on a Monday. Perhaps a soccer game on television, someone sug-

If Job's resolve were to be tested

But Sneh, after purchasing a gift voucher in the bookstore, demonstrated the mettle of a seasoned politician. "This is a clear-cut result of the breakdown in the peace process," he said to the one reporter tagging along. "Foreign investments have fallen and it's affecting

the economy." Such is probably the least charismatic of the four candidates for the Labor leadership but the one with the most diverse life experience. A' medical doctor and a career army officer, he participated in the Entebbe rescue, served as head of the Civil Administration in Jodea and Samaria and commanded the security zone in south Lebanon. He stated from the army as a general in 1987, and later served as a spedal emissary on a oumber of delione political missions for prime pinister Yirzhak Rabin, including aking early contacts with the PLO and assignments abroad. He Practiced medicine in civilian life, had extensive contacts in the Arab

sector, and served as health minister in the previous government. Most of all, perhaps, Such is his futher's son. Dr. Moshe Sneh was one of the most fascinating personalities to have graced Israel's pubic life. His heritage may explain his son's dogged determination to reach the political pinnacle despite advise polls and a personality that Stans bereft of the ego level neces-

Try to sustain most politicians in high places.
From an old Hassidic family in Poland, the elder Such had Changed religion for the ideolo-st of the modern world, includ-Specialism and Zionism. He too As an army medical officer - with Trewar Polish army - and man- form around Sneh as shoppers

What Ephraim Sneh charisma, he makes up for in dogged determination, **Abraham** Rabinovich

aged to escape to Palestine with his wife after Poland's fall.

He was embraced by the Zionist establishment and became commander of the Hagana for a period. There were many who saw the articulate, forceful figure as a future prime minister. But his political orientation shifted steadily leftward until he joined the communist party and became its leader in the Knesset, His old comrades in the Israeli mainstream were shocked and accused him of going over to

the other side. The elder Sneh went through another dramatic reversal after the Six Day War when his tone became increasingly patriotic, countering the Soviet anti-Israel line. When he died in 1972, he left a public testament, read out at a rally by Ephraim, then 28. In it. Moshe expressed "repentance at having

totally rejected Ziomsm." In his will, he asked that Ephraim recite the Kaddish at his grave. In a defiant aside to his afheistic comrades in the party, he said in his will, "I see Jewish tradition as the

secret of our survival." Asked whether his parents had been a strong influence on him, Ephraim responded enthusiastically. "Yes, but not from indoctrination. What I learned from my parents I learned from personal exam-

ple, not preaching." WHETHER OR not be was pursuing his father's destiny in the Nazareth shopping mall this week, Such did not waver. After a quarter hour of shaking the hands of shop owners in the absence of customers, he was confronted hy an elderly woman shopper. "I knew your mother [a pediatrician] in Tel Aviv," said the woman, who introduced herself as a Golomb, one of the state's founding families. "She treated my daughter. A wonderful

woman."

magically appeared. The circle soon began to represent the circle of his life. A young woman, accompanied by her husband, stopped in her tracks noon seeing Sneh and asked whether he remembered her. "What a small world," he cried. Tell me about yourself and your father." Their acquaintance had its origins in a trip made by Sneh to Baku several years ago on Rabin's behalf for purposes he declines to

There he met the Azerbaijani

defense minister who asked him to pass on greetings to an nld friend now living in Rehovot. Upon returning to Israel, Sneh did so. At the Rehovot man's request, Such arranged for the immigrant's daughter - the young woman - to take a course as a physiotherapist. She had been a doctor in Baku but was unable to pass the qualifying exam in Israel. Sneh also found work for the father, an engineer, with the Israel Electric Corp.

"I'm now working as a physio-therapist at the health fund here," she said, "and my father's still with the electric company." The deputy mayor of Upper Nazareth, Edna Rodrig, who was escorting Such through the mall, turned out to be the wife of one of the officers under his command in the Yorn Kippur

Others who came up to greet him included Arabs he knew. One was a Christian from Nazareth who had studied dentistry in Russia and, like the Baku doctor, was unable to pass the qualifying examination in Israel. Such advised him to spend time observing a local dentist at work before taking the examina-

"T've traveled 40,000 kilometers in my car since. I started these rounds last July," he said as he left for Labor Party headquarters in Upper Nazareth. "That's the equivalent of a trip around the

Enjoy it? Yes. I enjoy the human landscape and the landscape of the

For half an hour at party headquarters, he outlined his program to score of supporters. It was a detailed, overly long presentation. What came through was earnestness and a sense of mission. 'I say the same things at every meeting but I change the way I say it so that I don't bore myself," he confided

A silver-haired man in the room named Boris said he favored Sneh's program and Sneh personally. "But I don't see how you will beat [Ehnd] Barak." A woman in the hall was consoling. "You'll cer-As they chatted, a circle began to tainly be part of the ruling circle,"



The cult favorite

Shlomo Erez is working for the shoo-in candidate, MK Ehud Barak, in the Labor Party primaries campaign. Yet on a recent evening, he was sitting with a dozen other party members at Haifa's Labor headquarters, listening eagerly to the admired underdog in the race, the cult favorite, MK Shlomo Ben-Ami.

"My heart is for Beo-Ami, but my brain is for Barak," said Erez, 58, who used to head the Histadrut's Safed branch. "I'm for Barak for one reason because I want to heat Netanyahu, and Barak needs as big a majority as possible in the

primaries to do this." Smiling coospiratorially, Erez calls Barak "Napoleoo" - his character on the Hartzufim TV program - and says he likes Beo-Ami because he's "very smart, simple, modest, friendly." Laughiog, he adds: "And he's a Moroccan, like me." Erez could have written Ben-Ami's campaign slogan - "The one I really

Sitting in the back seat of his eampaign car, prodding his driver to speed it up as they went barreling through Galilee, late. for a meeting with Israeli Arab Labor supporters, Beo-Ami was shaking his head - the party establishment, he's found, is filled with Shlomo Erezes.

"A few MKs who are publicly for Barak have come up to me on the sly and said they want to help me. Such cowards," he

It's a demoralizing spectacle - all these people who are not to make a career for themselves. who support Barak because they think he'll help them become MKs in the 2000 elections. Nobody has any backbooe, oobody will stand up for their

It's oot just the party establishment, though, whose main principle appears to be "winning is everything"; it seems the Labor rank-and-file is also ready to give Ben-Ami Ints of kudns, but very few votes.

After the recent televised debate among the four candidates, a Teleseker poll of Labor Party viewers found that 17.45 percent thought Ben-Ami the most convincing, placing him a cluse third behind MK Yossi Beilin_

Asked, however, which candidate had the best chance to lead the party back to power, 0.8 perceot chose Beo-Ami, placing him last behind MK Ephraim

Yet as a first-term, relatively unknown MK in a field of familiar faces, Ben-Ami, 53, has nowhere to go hut up. This campaign is pure political profit for

He has an enviable niche: the only candidate stressing a social

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He's the only candidate stressing a social message, the only Sephardi, the only newcomer. Shlomo Ben-Ami is the underdog with nowhere to go but up, writes Larry Derfner

message, the only Sephardi, and, as a newcomer, the only one free from the baggage of last year's election defeat.

"Sneh headed the campaign for the religions vote, Beilin the campaign for the immigrant vote. These were critical sectors that voted overwhelmingly for Netanyahu. Barak, for his part, headed Peres's personal campaign. And now these same people are asking to lead the party again. In no other democracy

could this happen," he says.

Ben-Ami, a Tel Aviv University professor of modern European history and former ambassador to Spain, argues that by concentrating solely on the peace process, Lahnr has become the party of the elite, alienating itself from the poor. the Sephardim and the religious. Only by standing for policies

that help the poor, clarifying that there is no contradiction between democracy and traditioo," and acquiring a human touch, he says, can Labor earn the allegiance of the common

Last week, Labor political consultant Haim Assa wrote in Ma'ariv, "Netanyahu will remain in power until Labor vnters noderstand what Shlomo Ben-Ami is telling them." Outgoing Labor secretary-general Nissim Zvilli has called Ben-Ami a "phenomenon," saying his campaign is "planting seeds that will bear fruit for him in the future."

Still, a political campaign is not only about ideas, it's also about getting from Point A tn Point B, and the Ben-Ami campaign was stuck in traffic in the middle of Sakhnin, keeping a living room full of Arab vnters waiting. "A traffic jam in an Arab village. Unbelievable," he

He finally gets to the house, hogs the host, shakes hands with a dozen or so men who stand to greet him, sits down and begins apologizing profusely for being late and having to cut the visit short. Again and again, he promises to come back here within a week after the primaries, "no matter what the outcome." If there are any hurt feelings in the house, they seem to be assuaged.

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Meretz - always took the Israeli

Arah vote for granted," Ben-Ami tells his listeners. "We thought the Arabs would vote for os simply because we're for the peace process, but we never considered that maybe the Arabs were tired of this." He makes sure to poiot out that he recently spearheaded Labor's official assent to a future

Palestinian state. People, are you prepared to forgive my rudeness and hutzpa?" he asks, preparing to leave.
"You don't have to exaggerate,"

says one of the guests.

Arriving io Haifa and heading up the stairs of the Labor HQ, Ben-Ami smiles cynically and says, "The Kremlin of Haifa." Inside, he tells the voters, maioly pensinners, that hy disregarding the poor, "Labor left a void and Shas filled it."

"What do I have to do in this country, join a yeshiva?" one man calls out "Shas, Shas," a woman moans.

There's a return to high unemployment - it's now 7.5 perceot," Ben-Ami says. "There are development towns that look like they've good through a war. State-funded pensions, free child care, free education for everyone - these are the issues we can carry forward, as a party of the people, and return to

But the audience wants to know: can he beat Netanyahu?

"Yoo're not seeing me at my best, believe me, and those of you who watched me in the [TV] dehate know it. I doo't know anybody in the Labor Party who can compete with Netanyahu on television like I can," he says. "I drove all around this country for two-and-a-half years, alone, io the cold, in the rain, before I ran for Knesset. I am ooe determined Jew, and I doo't give up."

Afterward, everybody erowds around Ben-Ami to shake his hand. A few eveo promise to vote for him.

Shlomo Erez, the Barak campaign activist, knows Ben-Ami from years back. He comes up to the candidate and hugs him. They're smiling and laughing, and Erez tells Ben-Ami, "I was just saying, 'My heart is for Ben-Ami, hut my hrain is for

Beo-Ami, still smiliog and laughing, looks Erez io the eye. "Nobody's perfect," he says.

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Will Beirut ever be Paris again?

Lebanon's prime minister is trying to shed the country's wartorn image and attract massive foreign investment. So far, the West is not convinced, Steve Rodan reports

Rafik Hariri

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i was billed as a two-day congress of Arab investors meeting Lio ialk about Lebanon's future. There was Khaled Fayez, president of the Gulf Investment Institution. Nearby was Abdel Latif Harned, president of the Arab Economic and Development Fund. All in all, about 350 high-powered businesstien arrived at the conference sponsored by Lebanon's central

Raouf Abu Ziki, a Lebanese economic analyst, came to the point. Lebanon needs a huge amount of money for reconstruction and development: between \$350 and

>400 billion over the next decade. The question he asked was whether the West, let alone the Arab world, had enough belief in Beirut to restore its title of the Paris of the Middle East.

These days, Lebanese politicians are asking the international financial community to suspend disbelief. Lebanon is occupied by about 40,000 Syrian

troops, which has led to the elimination of any open criticism of Damascus. About an hour from Beirut, Israeli and Hizbullah forces - with the blessing of the Lebanese government - slug it out daily. But in the Lebanese capital, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri is trying to convince foreign investors that his country is ripe for their

Hariri, who became prime minis-in October 1992, has tried his He is to change Lebanon's image. He has invited US pop and blues unists as well as soccer stars. He had Pope John Paul II last month.

And for the investors, the government opened a stock market: the shares traded there have a total value of \$121 million.

The Lebanese aim has been to onvince the US; which Hariri has coord over the past two years, to bolish travel restrictions for American citizens. Hariri's pitch is that the areas under formal Lebanese government control are safe. The 1975-90 civil war, which assulted in the deaths of 150,000 people, is long over. The era of Inappings in the mid-1980s is a thing of the past. Government con- Lebanese natives now living in the

tracts are bountiful and joint ven-

tures are the rage. Foreign investors, however, have not succeeded in distinguishing between the violence in south Lebanon and the rest of the coun-

Moreover, Lebanon's reconstruction policy has gone awry and the country now badly needs foreign aid as much as it does private

Lebanon has been quasi-successful in attracting capital for infrastructure and real-estate related projects," says Ziad K. nour, a Lebanese native and

managing director of the New York-based InterBank/Birchall Equities. "However, what the country mostly needs is to develop its industrial and manufacturing base. Further, there

is a growing consensus in Lebanon today that they have been sold a bag of empty goods by Hariri and his friends." Hariri's appointment as prime minister nearly

five years ago by Syria was meant to encourage investors to rebuild Lebanon. Hariri is the biggest stockholder in Solidere, the largest company in Lebanon and one of the largest in the Middle East, with capital of more than \$2.5 billion. Some have invested in Lebanon.

These include the Saudis, who are close to Hariri. There are also Kuwaitis and other Gulf executives as well as prominent mem-bers of what Abdelnour estimates is a 15-million-strong Lebanese

But the big money has not arrived. The Europeans have participated in a small number of joint ventures. The US is out of the pic-

Safety is one big reason. Tens of thousands of Americans, mainly those with families in Lebanon. have defied the US travel ban and visited Lebanon. The travelers are given an entry visa on a separate sheet of paper. But they limit their investment in the country to helping their families.

Abdelnour is disappointed in Lebanon. He and many other



Downtown Beirut, 1976. Close to \$400 billion is needed to restore the Lebanese capital to its former glory.

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West thought that Hariri would introduce democracy, rule of law and free trade to promote investors. Their hope was that Lebanon would change because in the end its rulers wanted to make money more than they wanted to have titles in a government under occupation.

But as Abdelnour and his colleagues realized, the Hariri govemment is trying to have both. The result is that Lebanon remains a country built on payoffs.

There are competitive bids in Lebanon but if you are not part of the Hariri Syrian apparatus, it is unlikely you are going to win any bids," he says. "That is unless of course you are General Electric. And then Hariri and his friends would want to take a piece of the action. No project gets off the ground without Hariri's approval."

THOSE WHO get the contracts are the Syrians, Syrian army officers and their associates from Lebanese companies and receive hundreds of millions of dollars for reconstruction projects. The contracts themselves involve payoffs and kickbacks to government officials. who have established slush funds. Each minister is said to have his own slush fund.

The Syrians are also getting rich from the arms trade in Lebanon. Syrian officers charge hefty fees from Hizbullah to allow Iranian weapons to reach the Shi'ite fighters in the Beka'a Valley.

Western intelligence sources say that over the past year Iran has sent 37 planeloads of military equipment and ammunition, including ground-to-air missiles Damascus. From there, the equipment goes by land to the Beka'a. Abdelnour says that after all the kickbacks and bribes, less than half of the Lebanese cootract award is actually designated to the project itself.

At the same time, the Syrians are usually those who are employed in the projects. Today, Western diplomats report, about one million

Syrians work in Lebanon. They have resettled the country, with a population of 3.1 million, and the diplomats say they are quietly changing the demographics as well as the character of Lebanon.

In December, a busload of Syrian workers was attacked; one passenger was killed and seven wounded. At the same time, leaflets were distributed in Christian areas calling for a revolt against Damascus's influence in

Damascus is clearly turning Lebanon into its private economic engine by allowing Beirut to attract foreign investment and launch huge construction projects and reopen its financial markets," Abdelnour says. "There is no upturn in the economy. The Lebanese pound is artificially high. There is a severe liquidity

crunch among cltizens."

The statistics: Western economists say the purchasing power of the Lebanese pound has decreased by 40 percent since Hariri assumed power. Unemployment is reported at 35 percent. The budget deficit is 50 percent. Lebanon's debt is \$14 billion, up from \$1b. in 1990.

Abdelnour expects Lebanon's debt to increase to \$19b, in 1998 and \$25b.in 1999. "Hariri is a brilliant construction man but a very lousy manager," he says. "At the rate Lebanon is going it is headed toward bankruptcy,"
A 1995 Lebanese Cabinet policy

statement confirms the bad news. The document complains that many of the reconstruction projects have not been implemented. "Until this happens this stage will seem difficult for citizens and will require the collaboration of all in efforts to control the budget deficit," the statement said.

Hariri believes the key is US investment and that means an end to the travel restrictions imposed by Washington. For the last two years, Lebanese officials have been fulfilling US demands to improve security in an attempt to

US law enforcement officials have called for numerous changes in Beirut's international airport. These include relocating of runways, installing sophisticated security equipment at the airport, and adding new roads that would bypass Beirut's Hizbullah-dominated southern suburbs. Some US officials say they are hoping the White House will reconsider its restrictions on American travel by

the end of the summer. "The Lebanese will do whatever we want," a US official says.
"They just want to satisfy us so

there is free travel. The problem is we don't think we can guarantee the safety of Americans from another wave of kidnappings. Abdelnour says the White House

is justified in moving slowly. 'American investors will not come to Lebanon unless travel restrictions are completely off," he says. "And rightly so. Why should they invest in the region when a loose bunch of mullahs are on the

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i was one of those bright, quiet, crisp morn-ings with which the humble, solemn and remote Jerusalem of the mid-'60s was abundantly endowed.

Ambling along Rehov Mesilat Yesharim together with a few of my third-grade classmates our thoughts were focused on whether we'd make it to school in time for the eight o'clock bell

But the bell never rang that day.

Seized by an ear-piercing siren and a cacophonous orchestra of whistling artillery bombs, sparking morrar salvos and crackling machine-gun fire, we all dashed to the school's gym, which substituted for a shelter. There, pale as plaster, we and the rest-of our roughly 600 schoolmates joined - first as spectators, then as actors - what would unfold as a bewildering, emotional, and violent drama of biblical dimensions called the Six

The few teachers at hand - most males had been enlisted during the three weeks since Egypt mobilized its army - made us sing; it kept us busy, and probably also had a therapeutic effect on our congregation of scared-stiff boys who didn't know what to expect. Then, at 10 a.m., a chubby and bespectacled

teacher named Ya'acov Dov brandished a transistor radio, somehow silenced the auditorium and shouted: The IDF has this morning obliterated the Egyptian Air Force." At once, the hitherto prevalent sense of gloom gave way to the kind of euphoria which would subsequently intoxicate, deafen and blind much of this country's admirers, citizens and leaders. Until today, whenever I pass by there I' recall how our little throats' frantic singing shook the foundations of the stout building where I learned how to read, write, and con-

Later that day parents kept on trickling through to pick up their children. My father and I - after racing home in Shmulik Wohlberg's father's minuscule Fiat 1500, sardined along with another eight kids - were dropped off about 70 meters from home. He took me by the hand and shepherded me under heavy bombardment to the shelter in our nine-

family apartment building.

Just what went through my father's mind when the radio announced, two days later, the conquest of the Old City - I'll never fully know. But I do know that during a lifetime dominated by the shadow, echo and thick of war - ever since the abandonment of his native Czechoslovakia to Hitler's devices none but those few years between June '67 and October '73 made him, like the entire state of Israel, feel like a true victor.

Actually, it was much more than just a sense of victory which pervaded Israel 30 years ago next week; in fact, it was an arrogant sense of destiny, an absurd quest for territorial grandeur, and a paradoxical emulation of the enemy's tendency to replace sobriety with

The country was awash in euphoria, and its motto had become "big is beautiful," and "might is right." The singing which gripped us in that school shelter continued in carnestthroughout the summer of '67. After all these years, thirty- and forty-something Israelis stillremember by heart the simple words and meny times of songs like "The Straits of Tiran," "Nasser Awaits Rabin," or "Coming to the Reserves." We also knew by heart the names of the army's entire general staff. Ice-

cream bars came with sketches of IDF ranks. Outside one house in our neighborhood, which had always been fenced, gnarded and sealed, a neat row of about a dozen clean, white, Israeli-made Carmel cars brimmed with lean antennae, strange radios and other gadgetry a la John Le Caut. Every kid knew those walls were hosting Shin Bet conclaves, but only two decades later, having read David Grossman's The Yellow Wind, would we realize that each such vehicle belonged to an agent who was "in charge" of a Palesanian village, For us it was James Bond, in reality it was poisonous conquest.

Gold, God and Glory

The adults around us, like turn of the century Britons back from a sortie into yet another corner of the empire on which the sun would never set, had a great time exchanging impressions about places hitherto unknown - to them, that is - from Kunicitra in the north to Kantara down south.

We easily identified numerous types of

rifles, cannons, bombers and grenades, all summer I don't recall having played anything but war games. "Let's meet by the crater," we would say, referring to the pit created by a Jordanian bomb hadre held in front of the house next door, badly bruising one of its bal-conies. In the mornings we would climb up the roof to see fighter plattes reenact battles above. Meanwhile, bus No. 5 which used to travel the short distance between Rehavia and downtown Jerusalem was canceled; why maintain something which is small short or modest. went the conventional wisdom; we're big. we're grand, we're imperial, and as such

In town, Bahari's famous garinim-snacks store featured a refrigerator-sized poster of defense minister Moshe Dayan. A few kilosafrom there, the general in charge of the cental command held in his headquarters a constraint of lions. On newly repairiated Mt. Scients, where a new campus was being igned for the Hebrew University, the bigness bug infested a group of previously sober architects, whose eventual monstrosity still looms ominously as a monument to Israel's

could settle down for nothing smaller than

post-'67 megalomania. In short, this country was mad. Little did we know that ours would be a brush with classical colonialism's three infamous nillars - Gold, God and Glory.

Surely, in the case of the European settlers

of Africa, America and Asia, those three Gs were preconceived targets aimed at proselytizing natives, extracting their raw materials and expanding the conquerors' global reach.

Israel's case was markedly different, since its war was provoked by others, and waged among other sites - in its very capital city, rather than in far-flung continents. The assorted British, French, Spanish, Portuguese or Belgian bureaucrats who orchestrated the subjugation and looting of entire nations never felt insecure in their plush European head-

Indeed, the most exhilarating aspect of the '67 experience was the collective sense of threat, and the spirit of volunteers in which it generated. The subconscious awareness that, a mere 22 years after the Holocaust, the Jewish state's very existence was at stake, made Israelis of all stripes huddle together. In the weeks before the war mini-skirted teenagers and haredi yeshiva students jointly filled sand-bags, and mothers stood at junctions with home-made sandwiches which they eagerly handed to soldiers on their way to the front. Once the war broke out, our neighborhood grocer filled his limping Susita car with produce and drove it - under fire - from shelter to shelter, refusing to take money. There must have been many more like him.

And yet the Six Day War's cathartic aftermath transmitted to us the old colonistist disease whose symptom was that ill-fated search for Gold, God and Glory. Only a very few wise people among us - most notably David Ben-Gurion and philosopher Yeshayahu Leibowitz - immediately understood that occupation would be morally degenerating and politically suicidal.

The Yorn Kippur War, of course, would deal a swift death blow to that glory-mania. The intifada would do so to the Gold component of the equation, as the Oslo and Camp David Accords would to its God segment. About those - in the next two weeks. '

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erusalem as a whole is of primary celestial and intildance J significance and of seading religious and political importance in the 40-century-long history of

Certain sites in Jerusalem are of cardinal religious importance in the 20-century-long Christian history. Because of the political theology of certain Christian denominations. especially the Catholic Church, the city became of cardinal political importance to them, leading them to lay a claim to it they regard as equal to, if not superseding, that of the Jews.

A certain site in Jerusalem, the Jews' Temple Mount, is of tertiary religious significance in the 14-century-long Moslem history. Because of a relatively late development in political theology, Moslem Moslems, especially the Arab branch of Islam, came to lay a claim to the entire city that they regard as equal to, if not superseding, the claims of the Jews and Christians.

Here are some vignettes illustrating the Jews' special affinity to the

WE HAILED a taxi in Hantke Street in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel neighborhood where we live. After we started riding, I noticed that the vehicle had no intercom, indicating that the driver was an independent cruiser. I asked

"That's right," he said. "I like my freedain. Tuffve when and where I want, and I don't have to answer to anyone or share my eamings."

It transpired that he lived in the Neveh Ya'acov neighborhood, a good half-hour away even when the road is clear. "You're pretty far from home here in Kiryat

Hayovel," I said. "You call this far from home?!" he reforted. "For 2,600 years I was even farther from home! This is nothing! I'm from Gruzia (Russian Georgia]. Nebuchadnezzar [the Babylonian king who destroyed the Temple in 586 BCE] exiled us there 2,600 years ago. But we never let go of the connection with

ANOTHER TIME my taxi was approaching my destination. It was in a section of Jerusalem containing, among others, a cluster of streets named after the biblical kings of Judah, including Hizkiyahu/Hezekiah, and another cluster named after the Hasmoneans, including Maiityahu/ Mattathias, who together with his five "Maccabean" sons launched the successful revolt against the country's Seleucid Syrian occupiers

celebrated in the Hannkka festival. The driver reported over his intercom to the dispatcher. The dispatcher told him to pick up a passenger in King Hizkiyabu Street.

The stane on the intercom blurred the disparcher's instruction, and the driver asked: "Did you say King Matityahu Street?

The dispatcher snapped back: "Hizkiyahu, Hizkiyahu! Matityahu was never king!"

DR. JENNY Weil of Jerusalem was explaining the benefits of foreign travel to the driver of her taxi, listing the beauties of Paris, the excitement of New York, the fascination of Yosemite National Park, etc., etc. The driver, who was bareheaded.

clinched the argument "Oh, no, I'm not leaving Jerusalem. It'll be just my luck that davka when I'm off in Paris Mashiah [Messiah] will come, and I want to be here when

I WAS shopping in the Mahanch Yehuda shuk before Rosh Hashana, looking for special fruits we had not eaten all year over with which to recite the Sheheheyanu thanksgiving benediction. Behind one stall the hawker was shooting: "Guava! Sheheheyanu! The boss has gone off his rocker! Three-and-a-half shekel a kilo instead of five! Guava! Sheheheyanu!"

A MAN dashed distraught into the Mahaneh Yehuda hardware store and asked for materials and tools to repair a burst pipe flooding his

"Not to worry," the proprietor said as he started assembling the required items, and quoted the first half of Song of Songs 8:7 "'Much water cannot quench love...

His assistant chimed in with the second half, "...and no flood can sweep it away."

PROF. Mandelbaum and his wife, Malka, were already at the supermarket cashier's counter awaiting their turn to pay, when she remembered she had forgotten to get a bottle of her favorite mineral water.

After searching a while and not finding it, she called to her husband: "Where's Mei Eden [Waters

One of the cashiers piped up: "Genesis chapter two, verse ten!"

IT WAS in 1961 or 1962 Jerusalem's first-traffic light had only recently been installed, at the Brothers pharmacy was situated.

southwest comer of Jaffa and King George, where the Yampolsky I was in Tel Aviv. I don't remem ber what was on my mind, but I daydreamed my way across

Dizengoff corner Frishman, one of .the city's busier intersections. against a red light. I was wakened by a policeman into whose very arms I walked.

He asked me for my identity booklet, which I handed to him. He opened it, glanced at the page, then looked me up and down, and asked: "Are you a Jerusalemite?"

I confirmed his surmise. He handed my ID back to me and said gently: "Next time please be

I WAS awaiting my turn in my health-fund climic. After a while, an elderly woman came slowly up the stairs and shuffled towards the two men sharing the bench with me, her middle-aged son and his friend.

She and her son exchanged greetings, then she noticed the other man and said, in old-style Jerusalem Yiddish: "What are you doing here? You I want to see in the Bays Hamikdosh [Temple], not in kapat

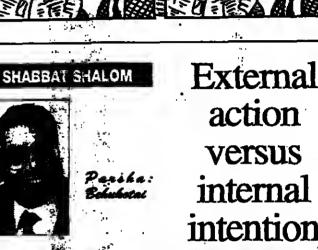
IT WAS in Jerusalem Yiddish that I first heard the ultimate salutation or parting blessing.

Customarily, one says: "A gutn tog/Good day," responding with "A gut voch/Good week," or "A gut yohr/Good year."

The last word goes to the new response: "A gutn tomid/A good Including: A guan 30th Jerusalem

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THIS WEEK

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By SHLONIO RESKEN

"And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and

none shall make you afraid. I will

cause evil beasts to cease, neither

shall the sword go through your

land. You will chase away your enemies, and they will fall before

hat kind of world will exist in the end of days. Will the basic

structure of the universe remain

the same so that our present reali-

ty need not be interly destroyed, or will the messianic age inangurate a radically different physical exis-

This speculation was a preoccu-

pation of two great Sages of the Mishna, and their views give rise to two different translations of a ation of two great Sages of the

word in this week's Torah reading.

The opening of Behukotai sounds remarkably redolent of the

messianic dream. God promises

the Israelites that if we but observe

His commandments, our physical

needs will be taken care of and the

danger of wild animals will be

How are we to understand

hishbati, "cause to cease" - the

Torah's expression for removing

The Midrash (Torat Kohanim) records that R. Yehuda defines

v'hishbati to mean that God will

cause these "evil beasts" to disap-

pear. R. Shimon, however, takes

the word to mean that God will

cause the evil of these beasts to

cease; the beasts themselves will

Since this is not the only dispute

recorded between these two

Sages, commentators have

attempted to discern a fundamen-

The Rogatchover Gaon (Rabbi

Joseph Rozin, 1858-1936) draws

our attention to the command:

"Seven days [of Pessah] shall you

eat unleavened bread; but by the

first day you shall have caused the

leaven to cease to exist (tashbitu)

from your homes" (Ex. 12:15). The term for the "destruction" of

leavening (hametz) is the same as

the term for the destruction of wild

beasts. And, true to form, we find

the following differences of opin-

ion: "R. Yehnda rules there is no

destruction except with fire, but

the Sages rule [including R. Shimon] that the leavened sub-

stance may be turned this crumbs and scattered to the wind or

thrown into the sea." (B.T.

According to the Rogatchover, it's a semantic debate: R. Shimon

(and the majority of the Sages)

defines tashbitu as the destruction of an object's primary function. R.

Yehuda, on the other hand, insists

that destruction involves demoli-

The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi

Menahem Mendel Schneerson.

saw it as an ideological difference

of opinion. He suggests that R.

Yehnda and R. Shimon consistent-

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ly differ as to what is more significant - the external action or the internal intention. For example, if an individual desecrates the

Sabbath without having intended to do so, R. Yehuda declares him culpable but R. Shimon absolves him of guilt, For the former Sage, it is the action that counts; for the latter it is the intent.

Another example relates to oil left in a lamp which had been lit before the start of a festival, R. Yehuda forbids use of this oil because when it was lit, the householder had put it out of his mind for festival use, thereby rendering it muktza - forbidden to be moved until the end of the festival day. R. Shimon rules that now that the light has gone out, the householder can use the oil in a manner permitted on the festival. Since he now intends to use it for the sake of the festival, his initial intention is of no consequence.

In this light, the differences between these two Sages assume a different perspective. For R. Shimon, as long I no longer intend to cat the leavened bread, it has in effect ceased to exist; for R. Yehuda, physical destruction is

necessary. Building on the ideas of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, I would like to consider the disputes from a more theological point of view: How does Judaism deal with the problem of evil? Is evil an objective force which must be destroyed, or can evil - if we perceive the positive essence of every aspect of creation - be uplifted

R. Shimon believes that the ultimate task of the individual is to sanctify everything. R. Shimon is, after all, the teacher of the holy Zohar, the advocate of uniting all worlds and uplifting even the most far-flung sparks.

and redeemed?

We presently find ourselves in the period between Pessah and Shavuot, between the physical but still incomplete redemption of the broken matza and the spiritual, allembracing redemption of the Revelation at Sinai. The hametz (leavening) is the symbol of the raw emotions and base instincts; it is made to "cease to exist" (tashbitu) on Pessah.

On Shavuot, however, that very hametz - generally identified with materialism, pride and sexual licentiousness - becomes transformed into two holy loaves of halla on the altar to God. What was forbidden (or evil) 50 days ago has now been redeemed. If anything, Shavuot is a vision of the redeemability of every material object!

R. Yehuda insisted on destroying the hamerz on Pessah; R. Shimon understood that it would only be necessary to re-route its function. R. Yehuda insists that the evil beasts will be destroyed when all that is evil is obliterated from the earth; R. Shimon maintains that the wild animals will still roam the forests, but that their evil will be transformed, their force and vigor will be utilized positively.

R. Yehuda sees the millennium as devoid of Amalek, the nation bent on the destruction of Israel: R. Shimon sees the millennium as devoid of the memory of ancient Amalek, for Amalek will repent and join with Israel.

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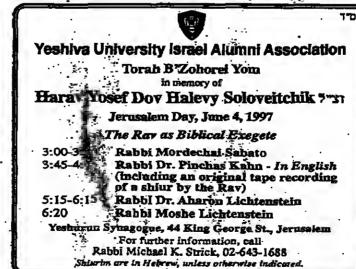
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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Return to Sharm e-Sheikh

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

t was a great meeting at Sharm e-Sheikh. All smiles and Prime Minister **⊥**iokes, Netanyahu and Binyamin President Hosni Mubarak flirted and schmoozed.

("You see, Mr. President, I told you the media always know what's going on, and call it a failure," joked Bibi chummily, if somewhat one-sidedly, with the Pres from Cairo.)

The fact that the meeting was called to resurrect the dead peace process and nothing came out of it - not even a teeny push - did not mar the general cheery flow of non sequiturs about the big decision to meet again.

Netanyahu Indeed. Mubarak were seen strolling out on the patio of the president's resort home while the Egyptian leader pointed out highlights of the scenery.

MacArthur-like, Netanyahu promised he would return to Sharm e-Sheikh. To fish.

Or was it to scuba dive? One could almost hear background strains of: "We've returned to you once more, O Sharm e-Sheikh," one of the most popular songs in these parts after the Six Day War.

Judging by the elated responses of Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy to the summitry, a casual visitor might have assumed some crisis in our relations with Egypt have been

If Netanyahu is being advised hy intelligence heads of the inherent dangers of the present situation - at best, a bloody intifada, at worst a erisis leading to confrontation with the Arah world, and our sources assure us that be is - then he certainly isn't showing that it bothers him.

As for Levy, the sources say he is well aware that Israel's international status is low. But he is even more aware that he is powerless to change it.

FRY THE FLAG

Summaries of Netanyahu's first year in government abounded. Scarcely less gloomy than the scathing assessments in the major foreign media and news agencies

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was Channel 1's contribution.

The channel tolled a solemn bell for the economic recession, escalatiog unemployment in the development towns, and ordinary citizens torn between disillusion and despair.

Just to show how far the Ziooist dream has fizzled, we were forced to watch the nation's flag being burnt in the streets of Mea She arim on Lag Ba omer, a few days after haredim on Rehov Bar Ilan stoned policemen standing to attention for the siren in memory of Israet's fallen soldiers.

"Something is just rotten in the baredi education system," coneluded a disgusted Ra'anan Cohen, Labor faction chairman. And MKs from all factions nodded in agreement.

Haredi leaders opted for the unconvincing, cliched response that the best defense is attack, and they launched into yet another vicious assault on (surprise!) the media and the leftists.

It's a media and left-wing provocation, howled Jerusalem deputy mayor Haim Miller. He's the one who recently called the

flag "a rag."
"I condemn hurning the flag hut
there is no doubt that this is just a slander campaign against the haredi public. Instead of occupying themselves with secular schools' drug problems, they are concerned with whether a flag was humed or not."

Miller elaimed that a news photographer had tricked an innocent haredi boy into hurning a flag to cause a scandal. He ignored the Ma'ariv photographs of a huge bonfire of flags, surrounded by

Unfortunately for him, a video elip from last year, which was broadeast the following day, showed that the ritual burning of the state flag was oot an isolated incident on this Lag Ba'omer nor was it a teenage prank. Haredi MKs contiqued to whine

that they were only being attacked because they are in power with a right-wing govern-

As if realizing the national morale was in dire need of some uplift, the venerable Rabbi Ovadia Yosef came to the rescue with some comic relief.

"All smokers should be put on

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

heartened by incisiveness

25 Sick comedy engenders bad temper (3,6)

causing distress (4)
30 Becoming distraught when

rejected by others (5,5)

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I Well-established business

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Dosh is on vacation and will return next week.



Prime Minister Netanyahu (right) and Egyptian President Hosni Muharak have a post-meeting stroll in Sharm e-Sheikh.

A few weeks ago, Yosef said elowns and theater actors should get the electric chair. Other sinners - you have been warned. But one wonders what dire tortures the good rabbi might decree for "rag burners."

SHADOW WOMEN

In a mueb-hyped publicity campaign, Netanyahu this week came out against domestie violence. In fact, he said, fighting domestic violence is like fighting terror-

No problem with the attimde but why did his sudden concern coincide with his government

5 Obstruction caused by

7 People at home give grave

8 Giving coppers freedom of action is commonplace (9)

10 East-End woman's right to

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14 Serve as soldiers now (9)

and getting mean (9)

22 Dad'a mate is silent (3)

15 A retired cleric growing old

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Sorry, my mistake! (4)

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trial and given 40 lashes," he slashing the anti-violence campaign hudget in half, from NIS 3 million to NIS 1.5m.?

And while on women's issues, how come there was oot a word oo the persisting fact that Israeli women are paid little over half of what their male counterparts in equivalent perceotiles earn?

Maybe womeo can look to Labor's new leadership? Don't bank on it, despite a plethora of campaign promises of affirmative action and greater representation - but oot equality.

The leaders of this semi-invisihle maio opposition party managed a brief photo-op appearance at the Labor women's forum. On their last furlough before next week's primaries, the candidates, were hidding for some token women's votes.

Front-runner Ehud Barak promised to give a Scandinavian-

style hoost to women in his cabioet, "more than any previous government." That's not saying much - there have oever been more than two. No. 2 in the race, Yossi Beilin,

didn't show op but sent a fax pledging to reserve seats for women in party institutions. "If he's elected," sniffed Barak,

"Beilin will be a fax prime minister. You [womeo] ean be fax members of his shadow cabinet."

A day earlier, Beilin bad said he would set up a British-style shadow cabinet. In this ethereal body, Barak would be defense minister, Haim Ramon foreign minister. Uzi Baram finance minister, and Shlomo Ben-Ami education minister. The women noted that the female presence there was shad-

Barak commented that since Channel 2 made Beilin a harrouf double, he had been issuing Hartzufim statements. Baram said thanks for the offer, bot he bad as much chance of being a shadow minister as Beilin had of being a shadow premier.

LAST GASP

Sorryl With all the hundred of millions of shekels expenditure on building settlements in the West Bank and the roads around them, there's oo money left for your pathetic little gas mask.

Channel 1 reported this week that the only gas-mask plant in Israel is closing this week. The secority-with-peace government could not find the NIS 50,000 occded to distribute masks to those whose had ones that were faulty, or to those who didn't get

According to the IDF mait in charge of distribution, 1.9 million citizens are in oeed of new masks. Gasp!

missal of the resolution at the con-

elusion of his historic 1975 address to the UN, he tore it up.

oir, Foreign Minister David Levy

In a high-keyed emotional mem-

Tom Hanks: Dreaming of botels

recalled what an honor it had been during his previous term as foreign minister to sign Israel's request to have the resolution rescinded and to share in Herzog's triumph when that request was finally honored. Critics of Herzog's presidential peregrinations abroad never realized that many of his trips were part of a carefully planned strategy to get the nations of the world to reverse their votes of 1975. Moyniban disclosed that in his meetings with the parliaments of the countries

ingly brought up the Zionism/racism issue until the mission be set himself was accom-

SEVERAL POSSIBLE scoops went unreported last Thursday night as hundreds of members of the Fourth Estate congregated on the lawns outside Beit Sokolow to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Tel Aviv Journalists Association. However, Uri Dan played a tape of an old scoop: his interview for Ma'ariv with Ugandan leader Idl Amin during the Entebbe hijacking.

indication that it's still way too early to eulogize Yiddish. Seen in Urging journalists to continue to fight for freedom of the press, Tel ister Yitzhak Shamir and his wife Aviv mayor Ronni Milo promised: "I'll belp you even if you write against me." Shulamit, former Tel Aviv mayor

> ICONOCLASTIC historian and former Jerusalem Post staffer Benny Morris, who has a pen-chant for discovering

the feet of elay of national idols, was for many years the black sheep of academia as a result of the many flaws which he found in the make-up of David Ben-Gurion. Morris, one of the school of "new historians," has accepted a teaching post at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, effective next February. The

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(Andrew Eccles) Ben-Gurioo family be recalled how he and Herzog was none too happy about that and had worked together in the 16tried to block the appointment. year struggle to overturn the noto-Now that it's a fait accompli, rious UN resolution equatiog Amos Ben-Gurion, the Old Zionism with racism. To demon-Man's son, is reportedly considering stepping down from the BGU strate his own repugnance for it, he held up a copy, and in an emu-lation of Herzog's dramatic dis-

becomes a campus fixture.

Larry King

THE MUCH married Larry King is about to do it again. The popular CNN talk-show host is planning to

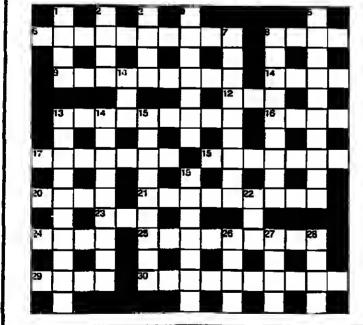
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Shirely Maclaine, doctor? (Hanoch Guthma

take his seventh trip down the aisle - this time with Shawn Southwick. whom he met in front of Tiffany's in Manhattan. The 37-year-old bride-to-be is 26 years his junior.

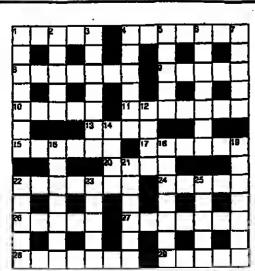
THE GRASS is always greener on the other side, no matter how successful one may be. Film stars, though always in the limelight, occasionally wish for something else. In a recent television interview, Shirley Maclaine said she'd like to be a doctor, while Tom Hanks said he would like to be in the hotel husiness.



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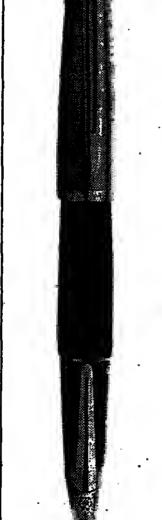
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HIGH TECH

in brief

BY JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Apple plans Mac for Israeli market

Apple Computers, together with its Israeli representative Yeda, is planning a special configuration of the Macintosh computer for the Israeli market. Details are not available on the nature of the package to be offered, but the company said it is being testmarketed and operated in several places in Israel. Apple is scheduled to announce the product launch in September. According to assessments, the Israeli market for Apple products totals \$20 million annually, or 5% of the local computer market.

Israel-Singapore R&D fund okays two projects

The Israel-Singapore research and development fund has announced the approval of two joint venture projects. Israel's Scitex Corporation and Singapore's Transtech Electronics will receive funding to jointly develop components for printers and fax machines, and Elishim Ltd. of Israel and Tech ISS of Singapore will join forces to develop security products for the Internet. The \$6 million fund will award a total of \$1.5m. for the projects. These are the first projects to receive the fund's support.

Israeli exhibitors to attend Parls air show

More than 20 Israeli companies active in the defense and related high-tech fields will participate in the Paris air show in June. The companies, including Rada, Rafael, Elbit, El-Op and Israel Industries, will join the exhibition as part of the Israel Export Institute pavilion. Over 1,700 participants from 50 countries will be represented at the exhibition, which is considered the most prestigious in the world.

Jerusalem Global deal opens access to Taiwan

Jerusalem Global Ltd. has announced the signing of a strategic cooperation agreement with the China Development Corporation of Taiwan. The affiliation will allow Jerusalem Global to proside clients with access to markets and capital resources in Taiwan, has relationships with technology companies such as Acer, Mitac Computers, Sanyang Industry and UMI.

Madge Networks releases new modules

Madge Networks has announced the release of specialized modules for its local area oetwork switching hob, a device used to monitor traffic within a computer network. The company said the new modules effectively double the speed of the LANswitch bub to 2.56 Gigabits per second (Gbps), making the LANswitch Plus hub their the fastest multi-layer switch. Since new applications are constantly being added to computer systems, faster, more efficient technologies are occded.

RADGuard releases new data security system

RADGuard has announced the release of a new inter-networking data security system, the New Typtor. The encryption device is designed to provide a secured multi-site virtual private network (VPN) environment. An organization can use the system to build its own VPN, using any communication media, and have all its sites communicating in a secure fashion. Each site needs only a single NetCryptor device to be able to connect securely

Shamir takes post as president of VCON

Yair Shamir, son of Yitzhak Shamir and former head of Scitex and Elite, has taken the post as president of VCON, a start-up that develops products used in videoconferencing. VCON was established in 1992 as a subsidiary of Optibase, a company specializing in video signal compression.

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US puzzled by gov't inaction in Tower-El Al fray

US Embassy officials yesterday appeared puz-zled over what they instruated was Transport Ministry procrastination in the face of a threat which could result in the loss of El Al routes to two US cities as early as this weekend. The US government has said it will take action due to a dispute whether Tower Air, an American compa-

ny, should be allowed to fly to Israel via Athens.

The US Department of Transport warning. that it could stop El Al service to San Francisco and Dallas-Fort Worth, followed a Civil Aviation Authority decision to defer until October the Tower flights via Athens on the grounds that the request had been submitted late. The American warning gave the Israeli side a week to reply.

According to US Commercial Counselor Tain Tompkins, that week ended yesterday, when El Al and its US subsidiary North American Airlines submitted letters stating their case.

submit a rebuttal, he said.
"The deadline is this weekend," Tompkins

Meanwhile, when the issue came to the fore, US Ambassador Martin Indyk requested a meeting with Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, in an effort to resolve the matter. Yesterday Levy scheduled the meeting for June 12, over a week after the deadline.

When asked why Levy appeared to be procrastinating. Transport Ministry spokesman Avner Ovadya said yesterday that Levy is hoping the issues will be worked out by US Embassy and ministry officials who are due to meet on Wednesday, thus making it unnecessary for the minister and the ambassador to deal with the technical matters.

The letters from El Al and North American Airlines cited an earlier case in which El Al had to wait eight months to fly to San Francisco because the US Department of Transport said

Tower has three days in which to formulate and submit a rebuttal, he said.

that the application to do so was submitted late. However, Tompkins said that the two cases were not parallel.

Tompkins said that the right of an American airline to fly to Tel Aviv via Athens is enshrined in the aviation agreement between the two countries. No US airline has done so since TWA

stopped that route in the mid-1980s. However, he said, El Al has rights to fly to five American cities: New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and Boston. The agreement does not give it the right to fly to San Francisco, Sallas-Ft. Worth, Orlando or Washington-Balomore. These flights are carried out by its American subsidiary, North American Airlines. a situation which Tompkins described as perfectly legal, but not part of the agreement.

Menachem Sharon, head of the Civil Aviation Administration, said that not only are the two cases similar, the US Department of Transport has acted similarly to the CAA in other cases. dealing with other countries.

Meridor forecast: '97 inflation to total 10%

By DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

Inflatioo will total some 10 percent this year, Finance Minister Dan Meridor said yes-

Speaking at a cooference in Tel Aviv, Meridor also spoke of substantially reduced budget and balance of payments deficits, a retention of Israel's current credit rating and a firm stand against public sector demands for wage increases.

The government target for 1997 inflation is between 7% and 10%, and is currently headiog for somewhere near the upper eod of that bracket. Several respected economists have been predicting end-of-year inflation of 9%. Meridor's conservative prediction could well be a reaction to the Treasury's over-optimistic fiscal and mooetary forecasts made this time last year.

The Coosumer Price Iodex rose a lower-than-expected 0.7% last month, but there are already warnings from ecocomists that the oext figures, to be published on June 15, will show a considerable rise in prices during May.

While oot specifying the exteot of this year's bodget deficit, Meridor predicted the curreot-account deficit will shrink to somewhere between \$2 billion and \$3b., compared to the more than \$4b. registered in

Israel's credit rating should remain at its A level, according to Meridor. The credit ratings were reapproved in September last year in the international markets A and A3 by credit rating companies Moodys Investors Service and Standard and Poors.

Mcridor also laid out in brief his policy towards pay and budgetary demands in the public sector. He said public sector wage demands will be treated without an element of compromise.

In addition, he accused the current health insurance law -arrangements-of being responsigetary deficits in bealth-care.

Hanwha here

next week

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

A delegation including 20 senior managers and board members of Hanwha Ltd., Korea's ninth largest iodustrial concern, will

arrive tomorrow night for a two-week tour of local companies, Shahar Meidan, a foreign invest-

ment specialist in the Center for

Business Promotion, said yester-

Hanwha chairman Seung Yun Kim will join the group for the

Meidan said the group's arrival

is especially ooteworthy because

this will be the longest visit by a

Korean company, and it is also the

first time a chairman of a leading

Korean corporation is participat-

expect something dramade to

come of it," said Meidan, ooting

that while political tensions have

hampered relations with the

Japanese, the Koreans are more

cover Israel, but oow, when every-

one's afraid, the Koreans are still

"The Koreans were late to dis-

"This is really amazing and we

second half of the visit.

ing in such a tour.

enthusiastic than ever.

coming," he said.



Off to a fast start

Beijing Enterprises chairman Hu Zhao Guang (center) and vice chairman Guo Ying Ming (left) drink champagne as they watch a monitor at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday with exchange chairman Edgar Cheng. Beijing Enterprises, China's latest red chip stock, burst into action more than tripling in price at the opening bell.

COMPANY RESULTS

Hapoalim 1st-quarter net up 46%

Bezeg profits down 9%, Electric Corporation down 29%

and JUDY SIEGEL

Bank Hanoalim's first-quarter net income jumped 46.1 percent to NIS 316 million, compared to NIS

Return on equity for the quarter was 16.6%, compared to 11.9% in the first quarter last year and 11% for all of 1996.

Hapcalim's profit from financ-ing activities before provision for doubtful debts wcot up 9.9%, compared to NIS 913m. in the first quarter of 1996.

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ful debts decreased 39.1% in the However, the first-quarter quarter to NIS 149m. from NIS income in 1996 bad been boost-

Operating and other income was up to NIS 587m., compared to NIS 585m in the first quarter of last The government is planning to

sell a stake in Bank Hapoalim, the country's largest bank, to a group of investors later this year.

Bezeg's net income for the first quarter of this year was NIS 141.1m., 9.3% below that of the same period last year, the company announced yesterday.

ed by a one-time NIS 32.6m. compensatory payment from an insurance company for a fire at the Petah Tikva telephone

According to the company's financial statements, approved by Bezeq's board of directors after they were presented by ootgoing chairman Gurioo Meltzer and director-general Ami Erel, consolidated revenues from telecommunications services in the first quarter were NIS 2.16 billion, compared to NIS 2.02b. for the same quarter last year. The main reasons for the increase in revenues were an increase in overall activity and the increase in tariffs for cellular

The company intends to reduce the scope of its investments in infrastructure, Erel said.

The number of regular (non-cellular) phone lines in Israel has reached 2.58m., compared to 2.55m at the end of 1996. There are 44.1 direct lines per 100 residents. Since January, 99,000 phone lines have been installed or transferred by Bezeq, and by the end of 1997, the figure should reach 390,000.

There are also 360,000 voice mail boxes - a service that began only last year. The average wait for a new line

was only 11 days, Bezeq reported.

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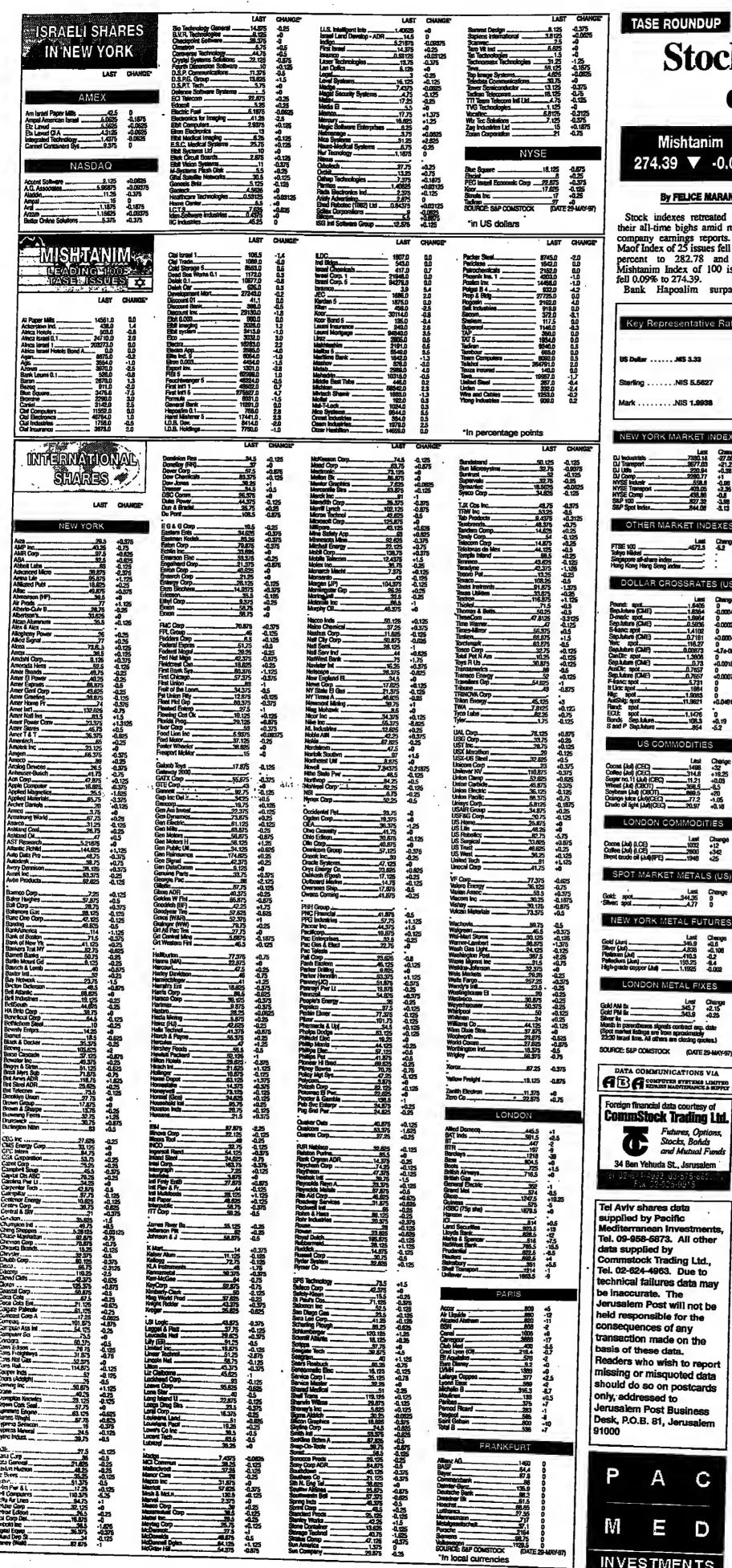
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Stocks follow company earnings down

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By FELICE MARANZ

Stock indexes retreated from their all-time bighs amid mixed company earnings reports. The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 0.15 percent to 282.78 and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues fell 0.09% to 274.39.

Bank Hapoalim surpassed said net income was less than

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expectations, while Bezeq Ltd. and Blue Square reported lower-than-expected earnings. Bank Hapoalim's shares soared 2.75% to NIS 7.68 after it said first-quarter net profit rose 46%. Bezeq closed down 2% at NIS 9.11 after it said first-quarter net income dropped 9% compared to the quarter last year. Blue Square sank 7.5% to NIS 34.76 after it

The expiration of Maof Indexlinked options also influenced

half of what it was in the quarter

"There was a battle among options holders," said Avi Meir, investment manager at Ispe-General Bank. Chemical companies rose for second day after Israel Chemicals

Ltd. said net income rose by 48% in the first quarter, Israel Chemicals rose 0.75% to close at NIS 4.17; Dead Sea Works rose 0.25% to NIS 11.72; Dead Sea Bromine rose 3% to NIS 22.90; and Makhteshim Chemical Works gained 0.5% to NIS 21.91.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 207 million were traded, as three shares advanced for every two that declined. Bank Leumi was the most

active stock, with NIS 29.7m. in trading. (Bloomberg)

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

London down due to concerns over EMU

LONDON (Reuter) - The FTSE 100 ended with modest losses, as concerns about the fate of EMU in the wake of the Bundesbank row with Bonn and worries about the outcome of the French elections were softened by a late advance in the US bond market. The blue chip share index ended 5.2 points lower at 4,672.3, though advancers led decliners 56 to 42. FRANKFURT - Shares ended IBIS computer dealings, drawing strength from a firmer dollar and

shrugging off the clash between the Bundesbank and Bonn over plans to revalue the country's gold. The IBIS DAX, which reflects computer trade in the 30share index, ended up 8.78 points at 3,635.38 points. PARIS - The bourse closed with

narrow losses, after losing early gains in a busy session marked by conflicting rumors over private opinion polls on Sunday's parliamentary runoff vote. The bluechip CAC-40 index closed down

ZURICH - Shares closed little changed after a volatile session marked by the tendency of Swiss stocks to fluctuate in line with moves in other markets. The SMI index of leading shares closed 1.0 lower at 5,132.1 and the all-share SPI was down 1.59 points to 3,248.80. The tarnover leader or the day was UBS, which ro francs to end at 1,571. TOKYO - Stocks closed lower

due to profit-taking after the previous day's sharp advance in the key average by more than 3%. Brokers said investors were prompted to secure temporary profits as the dollar dipped below 16.00 yen. The 225-share Nikkei average lost 39.11 points or 0.19% to finish at 20,312.23. June Nikkei futures fell 90 points. HONG KONG - Blue chips

took a beating, cast out of the limelight by the long-awaited debut of red chip newcomer Beijing Enterprises Holdings Ltd., which tripled in price on its first 3.93 points or 0.15 percent at mading day. The Hang Seng blue-chip index slid 139.91 points.

WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks end mixed: Dow industrials slip

NEW YORK (AP) - Smallercompany shares set a new high for the fifth straight session, but bluechip shares fell modestly yesterday as investors found few incentives to bid that pricy sector further into record territory.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 27.05 points to close at 7,330.18.

Broader indicators were mixing The technology-heavy Nasdaq market succumbed to some profittaking after closing at record highs for three straight sessions.

The blue-chip sector stratggled despite a strong day in the bond market, where interest rates fell after a strong auction of new Treasury securities.

Romania begins to return Jewish assests

By DAVID HARRIS

The Romanian government has handed over six properties that belonged to the Jewish community before World War II to a Jewish foundation, according to statement from the government received in Jerusalem by the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO). Speaking at the 10th B'nai B'rith World Center Jerusalem Address, WJRO vice-chairman

Naphtali Lavie attacked the governments of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Belarus, and Moldova for not taking the issue of restitution sufficiently seriously. Lavie also attacked the Romanian administration for not

keeping a verbal agreement with the WJRO made on April 9. It stipulated the foundation, to be jointly run by the WJRO and local Jewish communities, would receive returned communal properties. However, the six properties handed over were only given to the Federation Communities.

Lavie's contention, as in the case of Poland, is that the 12,000 to 14,000 Jews remaining in Romania, while having a valid right to the properties, should not be the sole beneficiaries. There are an estimated 400,000 Romanian Jews living in Israel, and they too are entitled to a share in the prop-

There are an estimated 3,000 Jewish communal assets in Romania, and 17,000 in all the countries mentioned above. There was praise from Lavie for Hungary and Slovakia.

They haven't given all that we wanted, but an acceptable amount, given their poor financial situation," he said. This takes patience, not boy-

cotts," former president Yitzhak Navon said last night. "It is valid to attack govern ments on a limited scale, but this must be done mainly through

negotiations." Also speaking at the event, Ychezkel Dror, a Hebrew University political science professor, called on the government to intervene when there are difficulties with European govern-

Lavie warned that those nations currently seeking membership in NATO and the European Union must move on the humanitarian front before they can be accepted in the civilized world.

"We will take this issue up and not give up until we get results." be said.

Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany vice president Jack Spitzer said some 120,000 people are still receiving pensions under the original restitution program agreed upon with Germany.

Of the 77,000 private properties claimed by the organization before the 1992 deadline, some 23,000 claims have been examined. Of these, 4,000 have been accepted as rightfully belonging to Jews-Some 3,000 have gone to the appropriate heirs, with 1,000 being held by the conference.

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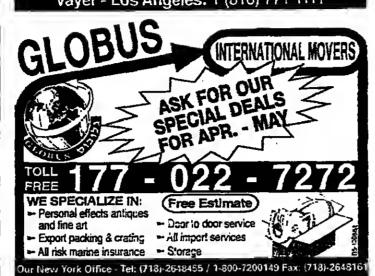
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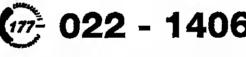
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Final status maps slammed by Right, Left

By SARAH HOHIG

The different maps purported to be Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's final status lines generated controversy yesterday. The left thought they ceded too lit-

tle and the right too much. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid could find no redeeming feature in the supposed Netanyahu blueprints. "At best, they could be entered into the most beautiful map contest or displayed in an exhibition of curios. They are of no practical value as a basis for negotiations. These maps are ludicrous, defective, and dangerous," he said. The Labor Party labelled the maps "an effort to per-

form a slight of hand or an optical illusion." The leader of the Knesset's Land of Israel Front, Michael Kleiner (Gesher), thought that "drawing up maps to conduct negotiations among ourselves is a practice worthy of derision. The problem is that whatever the government decides upon as the very maximum it is willing to let [Yasser] Arafat have will in no time become the minimum from which he will begin negotiating."

Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party), a leading member of the front, did not think that "the Palestmans would now be willing to settle for anything less than the 92 percent of the total which Yossi Beilin offered them on behalf of the previous government. This creates an enormous gap between this government and the

Palestinian Authority's demands. "The NRP would oppose the maps published in the press yesterday or anything like them which leaves some settlements outside of Israeli control and which does not address itself to the country's vital water needs. Both are issues over which our party feels there

can be no compromise. Yet he said his party is "encouraged about the very fact that deliberations have begun about the final status

One surprise reaction came from National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who did not reject any of the maps. He noted that he had made suggestions similar to those which appear in the maps 20 years ago. "The details may vary but in principle, the essence is very much the same," he said.

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ones surrounding Nablus and Jenin, must remain intact, with access roads and areas surrounding them deemed necessary for their defense remaining under full

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and nail," said Leiter. Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur, meanwhile, denied a Yediot report

term "Palestinian entity." Bentsur said the ministry's executive is to convene in the next few days for a meeting about the final status. He also denied as "especially strange and unacceptable" that the ministry's position on Jerusalem will be based on a paper

prepared by the previous govern-

about the ministry's preparations

for the final status negotiations

and its recommendation to use the

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He said he favors moving all league soccer to a midweek evening

"Regardless of Shabbat, playing under lights definitely improves a player's performance. If games were moved to midweek, it would also allow players to spend time off

with their families," he said. Malmillian said he hopes it will be possible to form a team which would begin training. Once the squad is ready, he hopes to register it in the lowest official league - the fifth division - from which he is sine it would gain promotion to higher leagues.

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The communities, says council secretary Haya Schechner, are closely knit.

Karnei Shomron is an entirely religious community and Ginol Shomron contains both secular and religious Jews.

But Noveh Menahem, she said, has many problems.

According to Schechner, 20 of the original 120 homes were purchased by residents before the

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ousted." (See story, page 20.) According to Yesha Council spokeswoman Ychudit Tayar, 95% of the construction consists of structures built in the time of the former government that were

"With the former government, we needed to obtain building permits from five separate commit-

"Now we still have five committees, but each stage has to be approved personally by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordecbai, she says, adding that this is often the reason for long delays.

Settlers are frustrated. The government promised to strengthen communities in Indea and Samaria and allow construction in Jewish Hebron, says Tayar, but nothing has happened.



Meray Halawi and Nurit Dadon: 'People will refuse to leave.'

Squatting in Neveh Menahem

BY MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

ot winds plow dust into the almost descried streets, toss-Ling litter into the air and whistling through the weeds growing around two-story concrete block buildings, left deserted and

Two young women, one pushing a stroller, talk to each other, smoking as they walk,

Eighteen months ago, Merav Halawi, 22, moved with her busband and two young children from Kfar Saba to Neveh Menahem.

"Yes we are squatters, we heard about this place from friends," she

adding: "People will commit sui-cide; they won't be able to pay and Halawi says there were no doors, toilets, windows or electricity when they moved in, and adds that they will refuse to leave." fixed everything themselves.

"In winter the house leaks and the children are constantly ill." her husband were thrown out of the According to Halawi there are 100 squatters in Neveh Menahem, mainly young married couples with

small children; the husbands usually work in Kfar Saba. Some have been there for as long as four years. Just recendy, says Halawi, the Housing Ministry sent letters offering the squatters the opportunity to buy their houses for \$70,000. "My

husband earns NIS 3,000 a month.

How can we afford a mortgage with

two small children," she asks,

Nurit Dadon, 20, originally from Haifa, married and lived with her in-laws in Kfar Saba until she and

"I was pregnant at the time, and I lived with my husband in the car for several months until someone told us about this place."
In Neveh Menahem, say Dadon

and Halawi, there is a school and day care center, but nothing else. "We pay the municipality, but for what?" asks Dadon. Pointing at the barren streets. Halawi says the

community has become a haven for

alcoholics and drug addicts.

Samaria police commander Amikam Harpaz admits that some of those living in Neve Menahem have a criminal past. "In the past, 1" we have received requests from officials of Karnei Shomron and the Housing Ministry [to evict] squatters there," he says. However, Harpaz adds, when police attempted to intervene, the Housing Ministry retracted its request. "Everyone here is afraid to speak op," she says, adding that homes are broken in to

every day.

"Who wants to raise kids in a place like this?" she adds, as the two young women, still smoking, walk,

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Wiesenthal Center's plan for new museum met with skepticism

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - The Simon Wiesenthal Center is fully committed to building a \$50 million museum in Jerusalem, despite skepticism

expressed by some Holocaust scholars.
"We are close to acquiring a property and are putting together an advisory board in Israel, whose members will range from the far Left to fervently Orthodox haredim," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

The new project will draw on the practical experience derived from running the center's popular Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, which deals with the Holocaust and other outgrowths of racism and ethnic hatred. However, the Jerusalem museum will not duplicate these themes, Cooper said.

"It would be ludicrous to try and build a sec-oud Yad Vashem in Jerusalem," said Cooper. No permanent name has been selected for the museum, bot Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the

Wiesenthal Center, used the Talmudic phrase "It will probably be a little bit of Disneyland cate the thrust of its mission.

The museum will address two main themes. One will deal with the last 100 years of Jewish history in Israel and the Diaspora, expressed mainly through the encapsulated experiences of lews in different times and places.

The second, and more controversial, part of the project will focus on contemporary issues that represent "flash points" of tension and strife among different segments of the Jewish world. Likely examples are confrontations between haredim and secular Israelis, or between

American Jewry and Israeli lawmakers on the legitimacy of non-Orthodox conversions. The museum project has been met with skepticism, and even derision, by two Israelis quoted

in the weekly Forward. Holocaust historian Raul Hilberg suggested that the new museum might copy the interactive, hightech techniques of the Museum of Tolerance.

said. "This is not my cup of tea." Avner Shaley, chairman of the Yad Vashem

directorate, also had reservations. "I knew they had some kinds of confused ideas in the past, but we have the feeling that we don't need [the proposed museum]," he said. Qualified support came from Abraham

Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "I think it's important to help Israel deal with its intolerance problem. I'm not sure a museum is a way to do it," Foxman told the Forward

Cooper declined to respond to Hilberg, but he expressed surprise at Shalev's comments. We have had two long meetings with Mr. Shalev, at which we explained our plans in

detail," said Cooper. After the site for the Jerusalem museum in purchased, it will take about five years until the

opening day, Cooper estimated.

By BEVERLEE BLACK

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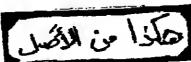
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Soccer season draws to a tame close

By ORI LEWIS

The long National League season winds down for its summer break as the final round of matches is played today and tomorrow.

With all the major championship, promotion, relegation and European berth issues settled, the final round of action is mainly an exercise of protocol.

Six of the eight matches will be played this afternoon, allowing players and officials to take their summer holiday as soon as possible, before the next season begins already as the end of July, the earliest-ever start here.

The only match of any substantial interest is the one between Maccabi Petah Tikva and Maccabi Tel Aviv. Simply because after their abysmal season - by their stan-dards, at least - the Tel Avivians will want to end the season with a win, after losing the State Cup final to Hapoel Beersheba in midweek and after losing five league match-

If Maccabi Tel Aviv don't win and Maccabi Haifa beat Hapoel Kfar Sava, they could clinch fifth place and a possible summer place in the Intertoto Cup.
Today, Hapoel Taiba will say

goodbye to the National League when they take on Hapoel Jerusalem at Teddy Stadium in the capital. It will be a poignant match for the Taibans, who will be leaving their fellow-promotees from Jast season in the lop flight, while their dream has been shattered by an awful season which saw the death of Wahib Jbara during a

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Major youth track meet set for Haifa this weekend

By HEATHER CHAIT

Haifa's brand new athletics stadium at Neve Sha'anan will host an international athletic junior (under-19) meet tomorrow and Sunday.

Seven countries and 200 athletes will compete in the event, the biggest of its kind to be held in

Taking part will be athletes from Greece, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Cyprus, Croatia, Turkey and Israel. For the local talent, the meet is a testing ground for two important

upcoming events in July - the Youth Olympics in Lisbon, Portugal and the European Youth Championships in Lubljana, Slovenia,

Anat Morad from Hapoel Petah Tikva is expected to seize the limelight in the 100 meter sprint against tough competition from Cypriot on both days. Entry is free.

Merilia Gregorian. Morad's best time is 14.26 seconds against Gregorian's 13.89, achieved just last week. Of their three previous clashes. Morad has won twice. Morad will also appear in the 200 meters.

Another interesting clash will be the 1,500m where Dirba Mokat from Elitzur Migdal Ha'emek will feature, Mokat's time of 3:56.0 will be challenged by Scotland's Paul Myerland whose best time is 4:00.4.

Mokat, who holds the national record for the 10,000m, will also compete in the 5,000m where his

best is 15:00. High jumper Adi Moral (Elitzur Yavne), who already has a place at the European Youth Championships with her leap of 2.14 meters, will be tested by athletes from Greece and Cyprus. The competition begins at 5 p.m.

More misery for Taylor while others prosper

BRISTOL (Reuter) - Beleaguered Australia captain Mark Taylor failed again yesterday to find the runs needed to head off increasing calls for him to be replaced ahead of the start of the Ashes Test series.

Taylor managed to add just 11 more runs to his overnight 19 before he fell Ibw in Australia's second innings on the third and final day of their match against current county championship leaders

Gloucestershire. To make matters worse, fellow left-handers Matthew Elliott and Justin Langer both made full use of the ideal batting conditions to hit centuries as Australia made 354 for four declared. The match was then called off early as a draw.

It had looked the ideal opportunity for Taylor to play himself back into form after a series of low scores and 18 months without a Test half centu-

But he was never at ease and faced 106 balls for his 30 runs before being trapped leg before by spinner

Taylor now has just two innings in the three-day match against Derbyshire starting tomorrow to answer his growing number of critics before the first test begins next

It would hardly have helped his peace of mind when fellow opener Elliott and Langer joined in a second wicket partnership of 192 in 51 overs.

Elliott made 124 before falling leg before to paceman Michael Smith while Langer finished unbeaten on

Ian Chappell accuses selectors of lacking guts

SYDNEY (Reifter) - Former Australia cricket captain Ian Chappell vesterday accused Test selectors of failing in their duty by lacking the guts to sack out-of-form skipper Mark Taylor. But a national selector hit back by dismissing Chappell's out-

burst as a cheap shot from the sidelines as the debate over Taylor's fate on tour in England intensified.

Chappell said the Australian Cricket Board selectors must immediately remove opener Taylor as a liability ahead of next week's first Ashes Tesi against England at Edgbaston. Describing the selection panel as the worst in his memory,

Chappell said: "The selectors have got Australia into this mess and

it's about time they had some guts and made the decision. They've abrogated their duty. Why have selectors if they're not going to take the tough decisions?" said Chappell, who is working as a television commentator in England during the six-test Ashes

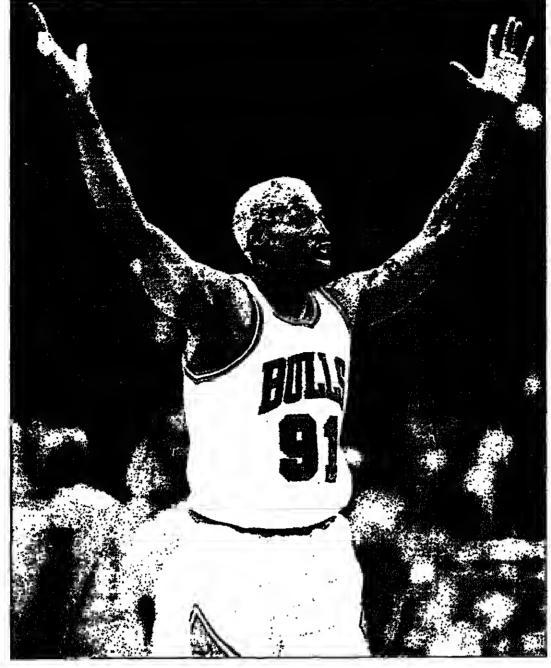
series, starting in Birmingham on June 5. Taylor, who has failed to score a Test 50 since late 1995, has come under increasing pressure after a run of failures in recent tour matches in England.

HIs immediate future rests with a three-man tour selection panel comprising coach Geoff Marsh, vice-captain Steve Waugh and

Chappell, who believes such an arrangement puts Waugh in an impossible position, said selectors at home must take the tough necision to drop the opener.

Bot selector Peter Taylor said: "I disagree wholeheartedly with what Chappell has to say. It's a cheap shot." He said Chappell, despite his full-time involvement in cricket, had failed to volunteer his help to the ACB in the past.

"He is sitting up in the bleachers. He doesn't have to make the hard decisions, whereas we do and we have done." Taylor said the decision over the captain's fate would rest with the tour selectors in line with past practice when an Australian team travels over-



ANOTHER NAIL IN MIAMI'S COFFIN - Dennis Rodman celebrates after sinking a three-point shot in the third quarter of game 4 in the Eastern finals playoffs in Chicago.

Bulls reach finals with easy win over Miami

CHICAGO (Reuter) - Michael Jordan scored 15 of bis 28 points in the first quarter as the defending champion Chicago Bulls returned to the NBA Finals with a 100-87 victory over the Miami Heat on

Wednesday, -The Bulls eliminated the feisty but undermanned Heat in five games in the Eastern Conference finals and await the winner of the Western Conference series between the Utah Jazz and the Houston Rockets. They reached the NBA Finals for the fifth time in seven years, also winning titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

After failing to sweep the Heat in Game Four in Miami, the Bulls returned home and quickly took con-

They never trailed, scoring the first eight points and opening a 33-19 lead after one quarter. The Heat never. got within single digits thereafter.

Chicago won without any contribution from Scottie Pippen, who suffered a sprained left foot midway through the first quarter and did not return. Luc Longley and Ron Harper picked up the slack with 14

Rios sidesteps another Black

PARIS (Reuter) - Chile's Marcelo are also lurking. Rios refused to allow the sun to set on his French Open ambidens on Thursday during a late-night duel with Zimbabwe's Byron Black which provided the final chapter to

an epic family saga. With daylight fading fast on centre court, the seventh-seeded Rios finally clinched a remarkable 6-7, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 6-0 second round win. just 48 hours after surviving enother five-set marathon against Black's

vounger brother Wayne. The moody Chilean left-hander had looked likely to become the fourth top 10 seed to disappear when he lost the second set tie-break 7-0 to Black.

who appeared to have exposed his opponent's incensisency. Even late in the fourth set the 67th-ranked Black found himself just two points from the match only for the 21-year-old Ries to recover a degree of the form which carried him

the Monte Carlo title last month. The end eventually arrived after 3-1/4 hours, earning Rics a third round clash with local favourity Arrand Boetsch in the bottom quarter of the draw where former champions Michael Chang and Serg: Bruguera

Rios' escape contrasted with the fate of teenage American prodigy Venus Williams, another colourful individual who even at the age of 16 seems destined to enliven the world of tennis.

Few players in their first grand slam tournament can ever have hit the ball harder than the 1.83-meter Williams, clad in eve-catching skintight silver lyera with white hair beads as accessories, and there will be days when her extraordinary strength will be enough on its own.

But Tauziat, one of the oldest women in the draw at 29, bravely negotiated her way out of two break points on her own serve which would have put Venus 5-4 ahead in the final set and held on to clinch victory in two hours 23 minutes when her opponent balloched a wild

second serve long on match point. Williams, a spiky personality who could almost audition as a junior version of singer Grace Jones, was in unsmiling mood afterwards but did say she intended to return to Pan-

nev! year. Tauziat's impending clash with Seles is not without an edge of its

own, after the French player's criticisms of the ex-champion for excessive grunting when the pair met at Wimbledon.

Seles, who beat France's Sarah Pitkowski 6-3, 7-5, was just one of a clutch of former French champions to move stealthily into the third round on another glorious sunny afternoon. Sergi Bruguera, Michael Chang and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario dropped only one set between them. but women's world No. 1 Martina Hingis was fortunate to survive after an unconvincing 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Italian world No. 75 Gloria

Pizzichini. Pizzichini will not be allowed to forget the double fault she served when just a point away from a set and 5-3 lead, but it could easily be a defining moment in Hingis's formight.

The only seed to fall in either the men's or women's draw was Spain's Felix Mantilla, the latest victim of Sweden's Magnus Larsson.

Larsson, who dismissed former champion Jim Courier in the first round, beat the 10th seed 6-2, 6-4, 3-6. 6-3 and could ver be a threat to second seed Chang who is in the same quarter of the draw.

Tyson, Holyfield to get \$30m. each for rematch

LAS VEGAS (Reuter) - Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson such will receive a guaranteed 530 mullion for their heavy weight title remutch next month, promoter Den King said on Wednesday.

There were reports in recent months that Tyson was to have received \$5-\$10 million less. than Holyfield and that Tyson. was upset with not receiving parity with the man who thoroughly beat him up before stop-ing him in the 11th round of

their first fight November 9. But in a telephone conference call on Wednesday, King said, "Mike is gening \$30 million too," King said

the two lighters will share in the receipts from pay-per-view television for the June 25 fight if the sales exceed a certain number. He would not reveal that threshold. The rematch had been scheduled

for May 3, but Tyson suffered a cut in sparring and the fight was re scheduled "Team Tyson" - as the men who

D'Amaio.

"I am bringing Mike back to what he had when he had the title. We're just working on what he does the best and putting it together." Giachetti said.

Tyson lest his World Boxing Association title to Holyfield, said he has returned to the methods of Tyson's first boxing mentor, Cus

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Dortmund players get heroes' welcome home DORTMUND (Reuter) - Tens of thousands ers, sipped beer, waved and signed autographs

of fans turned out yesterday to welcome home Borussia Dortmund's European Cup-winning players as they paraded their trophy in a motorcade through the German city.

Fittingly, the team began the motorcade at a steelworks on the outskirts of the city. which has a long tradition of heavy industry. Crowds of fans dressed in the club colors of bright yellow and black ran alongside the

The players, aboard a huge truck decorated in yellow and black and decked with sunflow-

Sports Editors: Joseph Hotimen and Ori Lewis

as the procession inched forwards in bright sunshine.

Borussia general manager Michael Meier said Wednesday's victory was important for the club, the city and Germany's depressed Ruhr Valley industrial heartland.

"Winning the European Cup proves everything in a sporting sense," he said. "But it should also serve as proof for the people of the city and the region that they can be confident about themselves." Police said around 15.000 fans had gathered in the central Friedenspiatz square and 5,000 had gathered in anothersquare, the Borsieplatz, where Dommand incend has it that a group of workers first 20: together to tourn! Borussia in 1984. Thousands more of Dortmund's 600,000 to adenti- water out in the streets to celebrate

the first time their team had won the contimant's most prestigious club competition and only their second ever European grophs. Their first came in 1966, when Borussia

lefacted Liverprof in the Cup Winners' Cupfinal in Glavet w. Wednesday (34) win over Juventus comdeted a terrapitable double for the Rubi-

claimed the UEFA Cup with another triumph over top-classifulian exposition in the form of internationals of Milan. The victory could not have come at a better

VE'ry after Destinand's neighbours Schalke.

time for those intent on celebrating in style. Most Dommunders had yesterday off work anyway because of the Corpus Christi public

Local and national newspapers reflected the ceneral mood of eurhona, splashing black and vellow headlines across their front pages to proclaim the first European Cup triumph by any German side since 1983.

"Borussissima" declared Bild, Germany's best-selling newspaper, with some creative use of the Italian language to describe its feelings, "We're the kings of Europe." "The dream has come true!" Dommand's main local newspaper, the Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zitture, stated.

in brief Basketball coach Yaacobson dies at 64 Former national team basketball coach Shmuel Yaacobson died yesterday. He was 64. Yaacobson, a veteran coach of many of Israel's National League teams in the 'seventies and early 'eighties, was mentor to many of today's top basketball coaches. His funeral takes place in Ramat Hasharon today. Post Sports Staff

SPORTS

Ohana, Dadash tax probe continues The income tax authority's investigation of Betar Jerusalem soccer club continued yesterday with club captain Eli Ohana and chairman Moshe Dadash being questioned for eight hours. The authority suspects the club of having paid players and giving them perks without deducting tax. The players, for their part are suspected of being accomplices by having knowledge of the

The investigation of Ohana and Dadash is set to continue on Sunday and both are expected to be arrested and then released on

bail. Other players and officials may also be probed.

Meanwhile, Ronnen Harazi posted NIS50,000 bail yesterday and was given back bis passport so that he can travel with the nationl team to Russia next week.

Ori Le

Harrods boss buys big stake in Fulham

LONDON (Reuter) - Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of luxury London department store Harrods, has agreed to become the major shareholder in English Second Division soccer club

Fulham, Harrods said yesterday.

Egyptian-born businessman Al Fayed will become club chairman as part of the deal while the club has re-acquired the freehold to its Craven Cottage stadium on the banks of the river Thames in west London. The new owners have promised substantial investment to acquire players and improve and develop a stadium which the club has occupied for a century.

Sports happening with a mission

The English Speaking Residents Association's (ESRA) Twilight Event of Bowls, Bridge and BBQ on Monday evening, June 9, is a sports happening with a worthwhile cause. Funds collected will go to ESRA's Afternoon Learning Center

The center, one of five operated by the group, provides supple-mentary education for 170 immigrant and disadvantaged school

At the event, which begins at 5 p.m. at Ra'anana's Bowling Club, bowls and bridge will be organized by Teddy Edelstein and Ed Silverman respectively. The barbecue, open to all, players and

families alike, will follow the competitions. Heather Chait For details and tickets call: 09 9580632.

Ronaldo confirms he is leaving Barcelona

BARCELONA (Reuter) Brazilian striker Ronaldo has con-funded he will be leaving Barcelona. and has fired a parting shot at club president Jose Luis Nunez.

"Everything Nunez has said is a lie and we no longer need to negotiate with them," Ronaldo said in an interview published in Spanish sports daily Marca yesterday.

"He tells me one thing and my agents something else. He has been cheating us for seven months...It's

sad, but I'm leaving," he added.
The interview, given to a specially invited group of journalists on Wednesday evening, came after a hectic 24 hours of talks, in which Ronaldo's agents had appeared to accept, and then pull out of, a deal to improve his contract.

One of the sticking points in the negotiations was whether a bonus payment of 2.0 billion pesetas (\$14 million) should be paid in Spain or

in a tax haven. A club spokesman said yesterday the talks had broken down but added Ronaldo remained a Barcelona player.

Spanish commentators are assuming that Italy's Internazionale Milan will shortly pay the 4.5 billion pese-tas (\$31 million) necessary to free Ronaldo from his existing contract. Internazionale president Massimo

Moratti said yesterday the Italian serie A club had made an offer to sign Ronaldo but stopped short of confirming a deal had been done. Barcelona's spokesman sald

Ronaldo would not play again for the club this season. The Brazilian striker will therefore

sit out the Spanish Cup final against Real Betis on June 28 as well as three league games he had been expected to miss because of international duty. Nunez has taken the news of

Ronaldo's departure philosophically. "We've saved ourselves 15 billion pesetas over 10 years," said Nunez. In life, it's better to take on the minimal possible risk."

Speculation over Ronaldo's replacement has already begun, with England captain Alan Shearer heading the list of candidates.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Orioles 8, Tigers 1 In Detroit, Jimmy Key allowed one

run in six innings for his ninth win;

and Roberto Alomar, Brady Anderson

and Rafael Palmeiro hit two-run

homers as the Baltimore Orioles

Key (9-1) joined Toronto's Roger

He allowed six hits, one walk and

struck out two before giving way to

Shawn Boskie, who gave up one hit

over the final three imnings for his

Red Sox 5, White Sox 3

three-run fifth inning with a two-run

single and Wil Cordero drove in two

runs as the Boston Red Sox won their

third straight game, 5-3 over the

Boston trailed 2-1 entering the fifth

imning before scoring three runs off

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straight start, allowing three runs and

four hits with one walk and three

strikeouts over six innings. John

Wasdin struck out four in two score-

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worked the ninth for his sixth save.

statter Wilson Alvarez (3-6).

In Boston, Mike Stanley capped a

Clemens as the only nine-game win-

defeated the Detroit Tigers 8-1.

ners in the American League.

first career save.

Chicago White Sox.

Mets trounce Expos 7-0

MONTREAL (Reuter) - Bobby Jones threw a four-hitter to become the National League's first ninegame winner as the New York Mets defeated the Montreal Expos 7-0 on Wednesday.

Jones (9-2) joined Toronto's Roger Clemens and Baltimore's Jimmy Key as the only nine-game winners in the major leagues. He surrendered four singles, walked two and struck out seven.

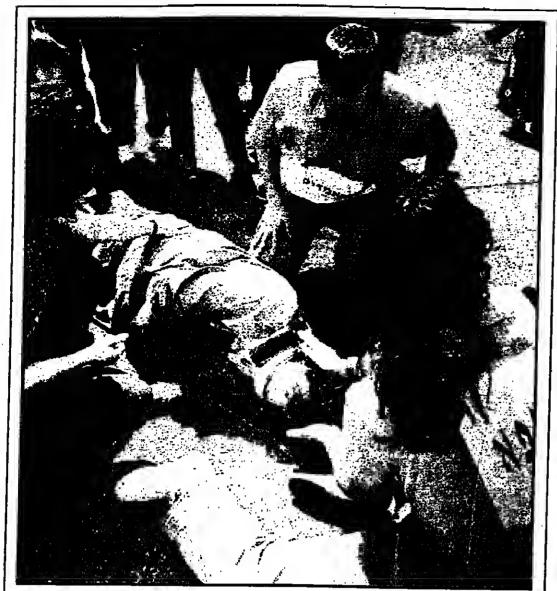
Carlos Baerga sparked the offence with his first homer of the season and four RBI for the Mets, who beat Martinez (8-1) for the first time in 15 career meetings. Baerga entered the game with eight RBI in 147 at-bats. Martinez, who had been practically unhittable this season, was tagged for seven runs - two camed - and

seven hits in just five innings. He walked three and struck out five in his shortest outing of the season. Reds 2, Phillies 0 In Cincinnati, Kent Mercker and three relievers combined on an eighthitter and Barry Larkin scored both

runs as the Cincinnati Reds defeated Cincinnati has won five of its last six and took three of the four games

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Trauma training

Members of a Hadassah-University hospitals trauma team treat a 'victim' of a 'terrorist bombing' during an exercise yesterday. The exercise, in which two people were 'killed', 15 'wounded,' and others in 'shock,' was observed by Palestinian doctors and nurses. (Brian Hendler)

Technion scientists chosen for EC project

By JUDY SIEGEL

Haifa Technion researchers have been selected by the European Community to take part in a fivenation, three-year basic research study to build neural networks based on biological or synthetic cells spread on a glass wafer that resembles a computer chip, with dozens of connections joined by a conducting metal.

Although the aim is a better scientific understanding of complex biological systems such as the brain or heart, the researchers say it will have a byproduct of making many animal experiments unnecessary and speed the testing of medications.

Dr. Shimon Marom of the Technion's physiology department and the Sir Bernard Katz Minerva Center of the Rappaport faculty of medicine, says his lab was chosen by the European Commission along with counterparts in Switzerland, Italy, Germany and Great Britain, A total of 1.3 ECU will be spent under the Fourth Framework Program of the EC.

The cells will live on the glass wafer in a sort of tiny bathnib containing a solution with all the ingredients they need," Marom

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A glass wafer topped with a small 'bathtub' will be used in a research project on building neural networks.

"It will be set out in a way that will prevent the liquid from shorting out the electronic components. The research is certain to deepen our understanding of the way the

The first neural network the scientific collaborators will

brain works," he said.

based on a "bio-electronic" or "neuro-chip," which looks like a computer chip and is composed of biological nerve cells on a glass wafer. The Technion's unique contribution to this experiment is a "synthetic network," which is an artificial cell line that undergoes genetic manipulation to make cells multiply and act like live neurons. This material can be easily reproduced, making it readily available for experiments.

"The electrical inputs ... are processed by a network of neurons, generating an electrical out-put," he said. "We believe, based on the principles relating to the behavior of single neurons, that we'll be able to imprint memories of previous events in these networks. We want to know if a network was previously exposed to a

particular pattern of stimulation." The Technion researchers will subject neurons to different stimuli

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Mild earthquake hits Kiryat Shmona

By DAYID RUDGE

NEWS

Kiryat Shmona, the target of Katyusha rocket attacks in the past, was hit yesterday by a different kind of shock wave - an earthquake.

Although the quake measured only 3.6 on the Richter scale, it was strongly felt by residents, as well as Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan who was visiting the Galilee panhandle town at the time.

Dr. Avi Shapira, head of the Seismology division of the National Infrastructure Ministry's geophysical institute, said the epicenter was in a valley between Kiryat Shmona and Metulla.

Quakes like this are not normally felt, but this time it was because of it being relatively close to populated areas. We also had calls from other parts of the Galilee reporting the quake, although there were no reports of any injuries or damage," said Shapira.

The quake occurred shortly after 10 a.m. and lasted for a few seconds. Eitan was in a meeting at the time with Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper Azran and other officials.

"Suddenly everything started to shake, the desk and objects on it and the chair - the whole building. It didn't last long, but it was very strong," said mayor's secretary

By JUDY SIEGEL

School of Dental Medicine has

made an exception to allow a

Jordanian man to apply to study

dentistry. If he passes entrance exams, he would be the first non-

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"Eitan reacted calmly, but nevertheless instructed officials to check afterwards that no buildings had been damaged or anybody injured. "I was on the phone at the time to

an official in the Prime Minister's Office who was in touch with us throughout [last April's] Operation Grapes of Wrath. My hands were shaking and I shouted to him that there was a quake. He must have thought it was something else because he told me to go 10 the bomb shelter," said Mishan.

"We have become experts in all sorts of disasters, now we have to cope with this as well. It was more frightening in a way than the Katyusha rockets because with those attacks you know approximately what to expect, but not with an earthquake," she said.

Shapira noted that there had been about six earthquakes in the same location in the past century, because of its proximity to the Syria-Africa fault, and there would be others in the future.

"I don't want to be too cynical, but a very strong earthquake, which is possible in this area, would minimize the problem of Katyusha rockets. There would be a lot of destruction, especially of older type structures, in Syria and Lebanon, as well

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Peace International Dental

Conference now taking place at the

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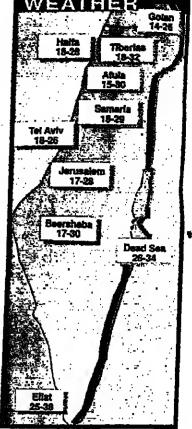
Palestinian Authority. Jordan, England, Japan, Romania, France, Canada and Turkey.

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as, unfortunately, in parts of the Galilee," said Shapira. Lias Collins adds:

MK Dalia Itzik (Labor), chairwoman of the Knesset Science and Technology Committee, sent a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu vesterday on the findings of a committee meeting in March on earthquakes. The committee heard that lack of funds and trained manpower hampers Israel's ability to reduce earthquake damage, despite this being a high-risk

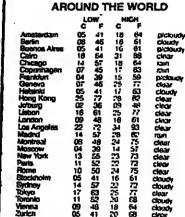
She called on the premier, who also holds the Science and Technology portfolio, to immediately establish a national system for earthquake research, forecast and damage prevention.





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